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FROM PROF. A. T. SHADWICK

Not Young's, But H. B. A.'s!

Dear Reader: I have begged of the editor permission to have printed this article. After being branded a "Young's man" by propagandists, which has become quite a nuisance to me as a supporter of the H. B. A., the continuance of which has prompted me to try to make clear to all my attitude toward the Association.

For instance, I was accosted a few days ago on the streets of Meridian by a gentleman (a former H. B. A. president) who after a formal salutation demanded of me, "What are you Young's folks doing?" Although I am not a brilliant conversationalist, I quickly got him to understand that I was no "Young's man," but if he meant the H. B. A., then I could tell him.

Now I will tell the world the Young family is all right, a family one might well be proud to be a member of. I am a friend to the family, and know them to be a good, honest, intelligent, trustworthy people, and have no aversion to my name beign connected with theirs in any respect whatever. But I do think it a little less than an insult to be branded a "Young's man" by any anti-H. B. A., knowing as well as I do the impression he wishes to make.

I have ever, since becoming a member of the H. B. A., given the Young's my support, cordially and unsolicited by them or any of their more intimate friends. This I did not to stand in with the Youngs, but because by so doing I thought I was helping to safeguard the interest of the organization.

Now, Mr. Critic, I feel every loyal H. B. A. member to be a full-fledged man or woman, endowed with that embodiment that makes men master of themselves, and that they support the measures which they sincerely believe to be essential to the progress of the order, and do not cater to any so-called fancy whim of the Young's or anyone else.

The local presidents are supposed to be men of at leats ordinary intelligence; with some business foresight and ability. No local lodge would elect anything less to attend to its business, and being such they are not so optimistical as to think the organization would go to pieces if they did not vote for every measure introduced by the Youngs—beneficial or detrimental. Thy err who think the organization to be run by the Youngs, for the Youngs—if there be any of that opinion—if not, they have failed in their design if they thought to intimidate any red-blooded H. B. A. by such propaganda.

No, not Young's, but H. B. A.'s, by the H. B. A.'s, for the H. B. A.'s, and we are trying to stabalize the organization so that it will endure forever. Not like the sword-herded empire of Alexander the Great, which flourished as long as he lived, then at his death sank into oblivion, but to stand as a monument to the Negro's integrity, foresight and executive ability, embellished with the name of Young and other great leaders, who are now and yet to come.

A. T. SHADWICK,
Pres. of Nos. 11 and 139

NOTICE!

All local presidents who collected all of their building fees for 1925-26 are due a badge. If you were not at the Board to get it please send about 8c or 10c in stamps and I shall be glad to forward it to you.

NOTICE!

We have a few more calendars on hand. Persons desiring a calendar may obtain one by sending 5c postage or call at the office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

According to my records the following presidents failed to report in the December Boards:

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D. C. Berry, No. 128, Collins, Miss.

Ames Johnson, No. 161, Macon, Miss.

Willie Roby, No. 185, Brooksville, Miss.

L. M. Martin, No. 189, Cohay, Miss.

John Price, No. 197, Oakval, Miss.

A. M. Newton, No. 209, Bucatunna, Miss.

C. W. Powe, No. 211, Bucatunna, Miss.

George S. Bryant, No. 216, Silver Creek, Miss.

P. W. Darby, No. 223, Waynesboro, Miss.

M. J. Phillips, No. 224, Shubuta, Miss.

Susan Fairley, No. 226, Maxie, Miss.

My books do not show anything for these lodges, neither do I find your report blank on my file. If you reported, I should at least have it on my book and if it is not on my book I should have your blank that you turned over.

Now listen, if any of the above named presidents have a postoffice receipt showing that you have made your report at the proper time just hold it and you are safe. If you have a receipt from Rev. I. C. Harper or any one else showing that you reported, please notify me to that effect. Don't become alarmed if you have a receipt, but if you have not got a receipt and paid it just get "scared." Please write me at once. This applies to all on this list.

R. L. YOUNG.

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EDITORIAL

The H. B. A. is still sailing with her banner floating high. For four days we were in session at a different place each day. On Saturday, Dec. 26, No. 122 at Dalevill opened her doors and bid us welcome. President A. L. Brown and his good people spared no little pains in making it pleasant for us. Though it was a bit cold and wet, and yet we enjoyed the trip. On Monday—that cold Monday—we were at Schamberville with No. 125, R. B. Lewis, president. The general president stated that any president who could entertain a Board as well as Lewis and his people did on that memorabl Monday, he was a good one. The president and his members had plenty to eat on the ground, but one fellow said his mouth would almost freeze whenever he opened it to put in a piece of cake.

Tuesday found us at Newton, Miss.. with No. 94, I. S. Cooley, local president. You talk about showing off, but Cooley, Curry and their people tried themselves. We just did not want to leave Newton. Wednesday, President J. H. Harvey at Sumrall took the "rag off the bush." Mr. Harvey and his people saw to it that not a stone was left unturned.

Rev. Fox, Rev. E. W. Washington and Rev. E. B. Blackman spoke some very timely remarks. It had been quite a while since Rev. Blackman had been with us; he is the man who started the H. B. A. to rolling in his section.

We paid 12 claims in Nos. 1 and 2, $183.37 each. In Nos. 3 and 4 we had nine and paid $209.74 each.

We paid off ten claims in Nos. 3 and 4. You will remember that I reported a certain president as having misplaced $213.00 death claims, that is, he falsely collected it and it was detected by me and he had signed notes to pay it all back by December. He did that and that gave Nos. 3 and 4 $213.00. We paid that money to President L. R. Echols of Blue Springs Lodge No. 49. I make mention of this so that there will be no misunderstanding about the $213.00 that I collected, also this is a notice of the death of Mrs. Estella Echols, died December 12, 1925, and was paid off December 30, 1925. No collection was made for this claim, but I, R. L. Young, paid L. R. Echols $209.74 along with the rest, and added the balanc to the rest of the claims, Echols not excepted. That is the balance of the $213.00 which is $3.26 to be divided among ten persons.

LYNCHING RECORD FOR 1925

I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research. I find that there were 16 persons lynched in 1925. This number, ranking with the number 16 for 1924 as the smallest number of persons lynched in any year since records of lynchings have been kept, is 17 less than the number 33 for 1923, and 41 less than the number 57 for 1922. Two of the victims were insane. Three others had been formally released by the courts. Ten of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, 2 from jails and 8 from officers of the law outside of jails. Two of those lynched were burned at the stake and one was put to death and body burned.

There were 39 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Seven of these were in Northern states and 32 in Southern states. In 26 of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In 13 other instances, armed force was used to repel the wolud-be lynchers. In 3 instances during the year persons charged with being connected with lynching mobs were indicted. Of the 41 persons thus before the courts, 21 were sentenced; 5 suspended sentences dependent on good behavior, or from 4 to 12 months on the road; 1 for 30 days in jail, and 15 of from 6 months on the road to 8 years in the penitentiary.

Of the 16 persons lynched all were Negroes. Six, or less than one-half of those put to death, were charged with rape or attempted rape. The offenses charged were: Murder, 6; rape, 4; attempted rape, 2; killing officer of the lawfi, 2; attacking child, 1; insulting woman, 1.

The states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 1; Florida, 2; Georgia, 2; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 6; Missouri, 1; Utah, 1; Virginia, 1.

Yours very truly,
R. R. MOTON, Principal.

FROM REV. E. F. YOUNG, GEN. PRES.

Dear Presidents and Members of the H. B. A.: I take this method and opportunity to thank you for your loyal support toward the building. We asked that you do your best to pay up for the year. That the most of you did and because of that fact I am proud to state to you that if you will only hold what you have we will make one more payment and we shall have our building paid for. I mean one more yearly payment. Those who paid 55c for this year will pay 55c one more time, and "Honey," we will be through. You have not paid much, but I say you will be done paying on our building. I do not mean Young's building—I mean the H. B. A. building. Just 55c one more time. "Hallelujah!" Give me a rap.

FINANCIAL REPORTS OF DECEMBER BOARDS

More than $6,180 raised on all claims.

Nos.—	Dues.	Death Claims.	Back Claims.
1	$ 4.65	$45.40	
2	7.80	76.85	$1.55
3	3.60	36.25	
4	4.80	47.85	
5	1.65	17.40	
8	.75	8.70	
11	1.20	13.05	
18	1.65	7.40	
19	2.55	26.10	
20	6.45	63.80	
21	5.85	58.00	
22	4.20	42.05	
23	14.70	84.15	
27	4.05	40.60	
28	7.95	78.30	
30	8.10	79.75	
31	4.50	44.95	
32	3.30	33.35	
33	6.15	60.90	
39	8.40	82.65	
40	5.40	53.65	
42	3.90	39.15	
44	1.65	17.40	
45	3.45	34.80	
47	1.95	20.30	
49	1.05	6.80	
50	2.10	21.75	
52	5.10	29.75	
53	1.95	20.30	
54	1.05	11.60	
55	2.70	18.85	
56	1.95	20.30	
57	19.80	113.05	
58	3.45	20.40	
60	1.05	11.60	
61	2.10	21.75	
62	3.00	17.85	
63	1.80	11.05	
64	8.05	78.00	
66	1.65	10.20	
67	1.95	20.30	
69	4.65	46.40	
70	4.05	40.60	
71	6.45	37.40	
72	6.60	65.25	
74	2.80	17.00	
15	.90	5.95	
76	4.35	25.50	5.80
77	2.55	14.45	
79	4.95	49.30	
80	6.45	37.40	
82	10.20	58.65	
85	3.75	37.70	
92	6.30	36.55	
93	7.50	72.95	
94	2.10	12.75	
95	6.00	34.85	1.45
96	4.80	47.85	1.60
98	2.85	29.00	
99	4.20	24.65	
100	1.80	18.85	
102	8.55	49.30	4.35
103	2.25	13.60	
105	3.00	17.85	
109	2.10	12.75	
110	4.80	47.85	
111	1.50	15.95	
112	1.95	20.30	
113	1.65	17.40	
114	.60	7.25	
115	4.20	24.65	
116	2.40	13.60	
118	5.10	29.75	
119	11.25	64.60	
120	5.40	32.30	
121	1.80	18.85	
122	2.55	26.10	
123	3.90	22.95	
125	2.25	23.20	
127	11.85	68.00	
130	6.30	36.55	
131	.90	5.95	
132	1.35	8.50	
133	15.15	86.70	
135	.75	8.70	
136	2.85	29.00	
139	1.95	20.30	
141	3.30	19.55	
145	4.95	28.90	
146	3.15	18.70	
147	.75	8.70	
148	1.80	11.05	
151	4.35	25.50	2.90
152	4.52	26.35	
153	4.20	24.65	
156	1.05	6.80	
157	.90	10.15	
158	1.25	7.80	
159	2.85	17.00	
160	8.85	51.00	
162	.30	4.35	
163	2.70	16.15	
165	5.85	34.00	
166	1.80	10.20	
167	3.45	20.40	
168	.90	5.95	
173	5.70	33.15	
176	2.25	23.20	
177	4.65	27.20	1.45
178	1.80	11.05	
179	5.55	32.30	
180	1.05	6.80	
181	6.60	38.25	
183	1.50	10.85	
186	.30	4.35	
189	8.85	60.70	
190	3.60	21.25	
192	1.65	10.20	
193	2.70	16.15	
194	1.95	11.90	
195	6.35	39.10	
196	3.30	19.55	
198	4.20	24.65	
199	2.25	13.60	
200	7.20	41.65	
201	3.30	19.55	
202	2.25	13.60	
203	2.25	13.60	
204	.15	2.90	
205	4.35	25.50	
207	4.35	25.50	
210	2.40	14.45	
212	1.65	10.20	
213	4.65	27.20	
214	2.55	15.30	
215	2.40	14.45	
217	3.00	17.85	
218	2.70	16.15	
219	2.40	14.45	
220	1.65	10.20	
221	2.55	15.30	
222	2.40	14.45	
225	1.80	11.05	
227	1.50	9.35	

NOTICE TO PRIZE WINNERS

To the local presidents and agents who think you stand a good chance to win a prize in the last 90-Day Drive, please send me the number of members you claim against me. I have the number but I want to see if we are together.

This notice does not apply to all presidents and agents, it is to those who stand first, second and third. If you stand second and third it may be that you will have a chance to win. We are offering two prizes to the district. The winners will be announced in the next issue.

R. L. YOUNG.

H. B. A. DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

We are pleased to announce that the six months' drive by the H. B. A.'s of the state has proven a wonderful success. When the division came about it hit the Association a hard blow, quite a few of us doubted as to whether we would be able to stand it. I am proud to say we stood it. When the division came it left us with 2,650 financial members in the whole Association. I do not mean to say that all of those who quit went with the other division, but some have not gone one way or the other. Last December a year ago we had about 2,700 members in good and regular standing. I have totaled up the membership including those who have sent in since the Board, and I find that we have 4,117 members in good standing with the Association.

Not only have we grown in numbers, but in business. The Association was able to put out its own individual calendar for 1926. This is the first time in the history of the Association that we were able or in position to do a thing of this kind. Not only have we done that, but we have paid $4,400 plus the interest on our H. B. A. building notes. This leaves a balance of $3,100 plus the interest. If we do not gain another member, just hold what we have, when we ask 4,117 members to pay 55c at once we will collect $2,264.35. That will leave a balance of $835.65 plus the interest. Well, listen, we have quite a few presidents who did not collect but 25c from their members, and they will pay the 30c balance by next November in 10c quarterly payments and that will be subtracted from the $835.65. Not only that but at present we are getting $70.00 rent from the building, and we have ten months to collect that; ten times 70 equals 700. That gives us $700 to be subtracted from $835.65 plus the interest, and that means we will be through paying on the building in our next yearly assessment.

May I say to all who paid up in full that we saved ourselves quite a few dollars by paying the 55c at once. Interest is the thing that eats a fellow up. We are now paying on our June note, and just as fast as the presidents send it in we are turning it over on our notes in order to stop the interest.

As we continue our great and noble work we want to ask God's blessing upon each president and his beloved members.

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221 Green St., Jackson, Miss.

My Dear Roy:—

I am in receipt of your compliments in the form of a calendar which represents the business side of the Association of which you represent. Let me say to you that it is an advanced step. It shows thoughtfulness and progress, and business tact characterizes its issuance. To you and the Association a Happy New Year.

Very respectfully,
H. B. LEACH

NOTICE!

All presidents who collect the balance of your building fee and send it to me by Feb. 15, I shall send you a badge free.

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CRANDALL DOTS

The Echo:—

Please let the readers know that Crandall is still on deck.

Xmas was grand, and some of us feel it yet. The following spent the holidays at home: Alice H. Slay, Molett Hopking and Edward Donald.

All of the school children in and around our section enjoyed themselves.

The H. B. A. in our section is still moving upward. Mrs. Slay, the president, says she is satisfied as long as she is paying on the other fellow.

Mr. Wesley Smith, president of No. 110, is not in the best of health. He has gone to Hot Springs for a few days.

PROPOSED BURIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE H. B. A.

Some time ago the General President o fthe H. B. A. spoke of a burial department being connected with the Association. All the presidents and members with whom we have discussed the matter seem to think that this idea is one of momentous importance. The H. B. A. has a broad field; it is not using all of its powers and privileges granted by the State. We are paying a privilege license to transact business in the State, and it is up to us to use all of our power and privilege. Not only do we pay license, but we have a bond up in the State, and this gives us a larger opportunity to transact a bigger business. The State of Mississippi is ours, and it is up to us to go after that which belongs to us.

We have made extensive study of the matter of having a burial department connected with the H. B. A. The Constitution gives us the privilege of burying our dead, and the time has come for us to begin such work. Some one may ask how can this department be run. In the first place we are to have nothing but H. B. A.'s as members of this department. Now listen, most of our members are buried, and when we pay off, the burial expense is taken out of the H. B. A. policy. We have a plan by which you may get a burial without interfering with your policy.

If an H. B. A. member desires to become a member of the burial department, let us say that he will pay $1.00 to join, or $1.25 as the case may be. After he joins we will collect his burial dues every three months. In other words, quarterly assessments. The quarterly assessments are not to come in contact, nor are they to interfere with our quarterly Board meetings. Let's see. If our Board meets in December, say the 24th, 25th, 26th or 27th, we will collect the burial assessment about February 15. This will give us at least a month and a half difference between the collection of the two assessments. This will give our members plenty of time without being pressed for collections.

We said a bit ago that the joining fee may be $1.00 or $1.25. After the members join and get a certificate they are then entitled to a decent burial. But some one asks the question how much am I to pay quarterly? Well, you are to pay 65c quarterly, and this entitles you to a $70.00 burial, or a $75.00 burial. Well, let's see. Sixty-five cents a quarter equals $2.60 a year. Ten years equals $26.00. Twenty years equals $52.00. Thirty years equals $78.00. Can you beat that? Some one exclaims, no, that cannot be done. But listen, it can be done. We have the folks, and as long as we have the folks we can do it. I know it is impossible for you to find any other thing like this pro-

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MR. S. P. HENRY VISITS OUR OFFICE

Mr. S. P. Henry, Insurance Examiner, was in the city last week. He paid our office a visit and is very well pleased with the splendid progress that we are making in the matter of paying for our building. He stated that he was ever ready to assist us in putting over any worthy program. He said that he was desirous of seeing a little improvement and straightening up around our building. That will enhance its value.

We were informed that he was here to examine the Odd Fellows, of which Mr. John W. Harris is heading. Mr. Henry stated that the Odd Fellows are doing well, and he seems to be very well pleased with the work and leadership.

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HOT SHOTS

Heidelberg, Miss.
R. F. D. No. 1—Box 25
Jan. 22, 1926.

Mr. R. L. Young,
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Sir: You did just as I expected you would do, and yet I think you acted very indiferent. It seems that a business man, especially one that is looking to the people as you and I are doing for a living, would have acted a little diferent to what you did. I do not care that you gave the letter to Mr. Harper, since he's no bear, and walks on two feet like I do. But you could have answered my letter, and insulted me if you wanted to. I would have thought no less of you.

Now Mr. Young, concerning the H. B. A., I guess it is O. K., but I think you have mistreated me; and if you care to you can make reparation; but if not it's O. K. still. But you may rest assure of one thing—wherever I go I will use my influence against you and your ORDER. And too, if you think it best you may send this letter to Mr. Harper.

According to your actions there must be a dark spot somewhere in this business. It seems that you upholds or, indulges people in wrong doing.

Yours truly,
A. E. H. GRANGENT.

The above letter was typewritten and sent to me, and it is a true copy of the same to the dotting of an i and crossing of a t.

My Dear Mr. Grangent: I take this method in making reparation to you. In your letter dated Jan 22nd. 1926, you stated in your first sentence that I did just as you expected that I would do. Now why did you expect that I should do that? I know nothing about you, never have seen you, if so I did not know you. Now why would you expect that I should do that? I conclude that you thought I should do so, and it was right to do so, therefore you expected that I do right.

Kind sir, I am a business man looking to the people for a living, and the people are in turn looking to be great recipients of the things that I have to give them. I am not one of these pussy-foot, easy-walking jelly fishes, trying to get something out of the people and in turn not able to give back in two-fold. A man on the public does not have to beg. If he has the goods he can get a buyer.

You stated in your letter that you did not care that I gave the letter to Mr. Harper, since he is no bear, and walks on two feet like you do. Well, if you did not care why did you write me? What are you crowing about? You act as if Mr. Harper is a bear and walks on four feet and you are afraid of him. Just keep cool, Mr. Grangent, Mr. Harper is a man and not a bear. If you have never seen me, I am pleased to tell you that I am not a bear, either, just a man on two big feet.

Now, so far as giving Mr. Harper the letter, I thought you were a man of sound judgment and good common sense, and there were some matters that needed adjusting, and to accommodate you and the rest of the people in your section, I gave the letter to Mr. Harper and requested that he look into the matter at once and get matters straight. It was his work, and why not ask him to straighten things. Kind sir, you did not send return postage for me to reply to you. I do not have time to answer every fellow's letter therefore I gave it to Mr. Harper. He organized the lodge, so you stated, and he left some work undone. You wrote me about it and then got hot because I sent him, or asked him, to fix matters. Mr. Grangent, you have not done as I expected of you.

Now, Mr. Grangent, you say you guess the H. B. A. is O. K., but I mistreated you. Kind sir, if I mistreated you by giving Mr. Harper your letter and asking him to look into the matter, I beg your most humble pardon. I hope you will grant the pardon.

Mr. Grangent, you make one interesting and amusing statement. You say that I may rest assured of one thing. Wherever you go you will use your influence against me and my ORDER. Listen, you just said you guess the H. B. A. is O. K. If you guess that, why is it you want to use your influence against me and the order? I think you should leave the order alone since you think it is O. K., and use your influence against me. Surely you are not mad at the order—you say it is O. K. I am the one you are after. Mr. Grangent, how much influence have you? When you begin, please remember that you have about 5,000 members, together with the State of Mississippi at our back. Not only that, but you must use your influence against six thousand and one hundred dollars for the protection of policyholders. Not only that, but a home office that will easily sell for $10,000. Your influence must work against all of this wherever you go. I did not mention my influence against yours. I reserve the right to withhold mine until you have caused the above mentioned to exhaust.

Mr. Grangent, I am thinking your influence against me and the Association will be similar to that of the little bobbed-tail dog barking at the moon. The moon rose at 7:00 p. m.; the dog saw it; he began barking; he barked until 12:00 o'clock and the moon rose higher and higher, the dog

barked weaker and weaker, and bye and bye bob-tail went to sleep and the moon just kept on.

Mr. Grangent, you are not the first man to say you would use your influence against me and this order, but we are prepared for the emergency. We have had a number of men, such as I think you are, to run up against this order, but she is still rising, and they are getting weaker and weaker. You will have a little company, but it will be weak.

Now Mr. Grangent, from the contents of your letter, I presume you are a public man, living on the people. If I am not misjudging you I think the people have something they don't need. I want you to read and re-read your letter and see if you did not mess yourself up. It could have been that you were already messed up. From the contents of your letter I presume you are akin to mistletoe—you know it is a parasite. Mr. Grangent, I do not mean to uphold anyone in wrongdoing, that's why I asked Mr. Harper to adjust matters, because you stated that something was wrong.

Now concerning the dark spot in this business, I think you are right. I am often detecting dark spots. I want you to assist me in finding them. I wonder if I have detected one when I found you?

Mr. Grangent, please do not think that I am displeased whatever. I have tried to keep a cool head and a warm heart in my reply to you. I just want you to know that I am a general officer, elected by the Association, and I shall ever defend the rights of the Association. I mean to always be bigger than any position I might fill. It is better for a man to be bigger than the position and not the position bigger than the man. Now you must not think this will hold true in all things. For instance, it is better for your britches to be bigger than you and not you bigger than your britches. In using this illustration I don't mean for you to get bigger than your britches just because you hold a position in them—they may tear.

I take this method in replying to you since you are going to use your influence against the Association. I want the people to know you are coming. Had it not been for that I would have written you a personal letter.

R. L. YOUNG,
General Secretary.

P. S. I have introduced you to the people, therefore you need no more introduction. Go to it.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR SECOND DRIVE

It will be remembered that we stated in The Echo on November 1, 1925, that we would offer eight prizes—two to each district. We also stated that any president who failed to get at least 12 new members would not be eligible for a prize.

The general officers and agents did pretty well, and yet not enough was done by them in the second drive to receive cash prizes to the amount that was given in the first drive. Well, boys, we are left out of it this time. The last drive netted us about 450 members. I think that was very, very good, and I wish to thank all who helped to get this number. You will please remember that the contest was over at the closing of the Boards on January 1. All applications sent in since that time are not counted. The winners are as follows:

J. H. Harvey No. 115 added 28, first prize; W. M. Barnes of No. 99 added 22, second prize; Mr. H. J. Green of No. 165 added 11. He got right at the door. He did the same thing in the first drive. We shall have to send him a small token in appreciation of his hard struggles. J. M. Thompson of No. 23, Bassfield, Miss., made such a strong pull in each drive that we shall have to remember him also.

Please remember that the first prize is $7.00 and the second $5.00.

Please don't send for your badges that you won in the building fund drive unless you send 10c in stamps.

Mr. John Lewis of this city died a few days ago. The funeral was attended by Rev. Pettus.

News comes to us that Mr. F. H. Hamilton of Sylvarena, Miss., and president of No. 156, has lost his wife. She was a loving and devoted wife and a faithful member of Hopewell Baptist Church. She leaves relatives and a host of friends to mourn her death. Our sympathy goes out for the bereaved family.

Dear Editor: Please allow space in The Echo for me to state that Mrs. Mary L. Webb of Gary, Ind., has been visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Key, of Porterville, Miss. She was to leave for her home on January 16.

Dear Editor: This comes to let you know that H. B. A. No. 96 of Porterville, Miss., has made wonderful progress since the last Board. We have had six members to join since the Board.

F. L. Key, Pres.

FOOLISH QUESTIONS

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?

Or a key for the lock of his hair?

Can his eyes be called an academy because of the pupils there?

In the crown of his head what gems are found?

Who travels the bridge of his nose?

Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?

If so, what did he do?

How does he sharpen his shouler blades?

I'll be hanged if I know, do you?

Can he sit in the shade of the palm of his hand?

Or beat on the drum of his ear?

Does the calf of his leg eat on the corn of his toes?

If so, why not grow corn on the ear?

H. B. A. No. 9 repaid in Dec. Board dues, $3.45; death claims, $34.80.

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position, but that's no strange idea. You cannot find anything else like the H. B. A.

Now, instead of taking from $100 to $200 out of our policy, we shall be able to get our policy in cash and a burial for $2.60 a year. Not only that, but we will stop putting all of our money in the ground.

I have always opposed these $175 $200 and $250 funerals among us poor Negroes. It's just too much, and the reason I say this is because we are not able to be buried so expensive. I have seen poor Negroes right here in Meridian put in caskets that far surpass the homes in which they lived. When the casket with the body was placed in one of the rooms, the room was a disgrace to the casket. Why? Because the casket was much finer than the home that was rented, or probably owned by the deceased. I do not mean to hurt or knock any undertaker anywhere, but I do know that we are too poor to do so much showing off. If a man has a home and some insurance to leave behind, he should be put away nicer and at a greater cost if his people so desire. In other words, a person should not surpass his means; if you are a 50c man be that and stay out of the $1.00 man's way. I have known people to say, put it all in the ground just because they thought that Jim or Sallie would get a few dollars out of the policy. "For the want of knowledge my people perish." About two years ago Negroes in and around Meridian could hardly be buried for less than $150.00 or $200.00, but the C. B. A. claims to give you a first class, decent burial, O yes, and a few cars for the family—for how much? For $100.00. Wake up friends and let's come to ourselves. We shall have more to say later on about the burial department of the H. B. A. We must begin to look out for the interest of our people. If a man's in business he should not want to be in the H. B. A. just for the business he can get out of it, but he should have a desire to help his race. We all want a good living wage, but we must not stop there—we must have that sympathetic love to help the less fortunate.

Suppose a doctor, a lawyer or an undertaker goes into a society or an insurance just for what he can get out of it, or in other words, for the business that's in it for him. That man need not expect to do much because he is absent of that broad altruistic spirit.

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NOTICE

I have sent out checks for Nos. 3 and 4. The amount was $10.26, making a total of $220.00 paid in those districts with only 85c death claims. The back money for December is not all out yet. There were and are still some matters to be adjusted in connection with the back claims. Those who have not received their back money will have it in a short while.

Please send postage for calendars when ordering.

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THE PROGRESSIVE AND GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MT. PLEASANT C. M. E. CHURCH, MT. OLIVE, MISS.—MR. G. E. EASTERLING IS THE ENERGETIC SUPT.

Reading from right to left, seated—E. D. Ratliffe, teacher; Miss Nina Ratliffe, secretary; Mrs. G. E. Easterling, treasurer; G. E. Easterling, superintendent; Miss Maud Mc Nair, teacher; Rev. E. W. Washington, pastor, of Hattiesburg and Wiggins; Prof. W. M. Turner, teacher and principal of Covington County Training School; the Pastor.

Sunday School scholars standing.

NOTICE!

Presidents of Nos. 1 and 2 will please collect $1.25 death claims and quarterly dues. Presidents of Nos. 3 and 4 will please collect $1.25 death claims and quarterly dues.

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows: No. 1 meets March 25 at Hooper Street and 46th Avenue, Bethel Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.; No. 2 meets March 24 at Antioch Baptist Church out from Daleville, Miss.; No. 3 meets at Waynesboro, Miss., we do not know what church, March 23; No. 4 meets at Magee, Miss., March 22, at Goodwater C. M. E. Church.

We want to urge each president to do his best to collect in full from all members. We know you can't make them pay at once, but urge them to do so.

SECRETARY.

THE PASTOR, REV. R. L. YOUNG

TO AGENTS

All agent sare requested to see to it that the presidents of lodges you have organized since the Board get their report blanks. I have watched some agents closely and I find that they organize lodges a month before the Board and will not report it until the close of the Board. Now that is not fari. You know as well as I do that these lodges and their members should be reported as soon as the lodge is organized. It matters not when it is if it is one day before the Board and you finish your work at that lodge we are responsible for whatever happens, and the same applies to them. It matters not what the death claims are they are responsible to this body. I organized a lodge one week ago and I am to install them on the 20th of this month, but I have sent them a death blank already, and I told them when I was organizing just what they would have to do.

Dear Editor: I have mailed to your address a cash order for twenty H. B. A. badges. My lodge is doing well. My members are loyal and they have the Association at heart.

W. L. McDADE,
President No. 85.

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EDITORIAL

POSSIBILITIES

I have been thinking very seriously over the great possibilities of the H. B. A. and the Negroes of Mississippi. In the last issue of The Echo I wrote an article on the proposed burial department of the H. B. A. Since that time I have had letters commending such a movement. Quite a number of presidents have visited the office and they want to know how soon will this go into effect. One or two presidents said that their whole lodge wanted it.

We stated that it would not be compulsory whatever. If a member wanted it he could go into it on his own volition. Not only that, but we don't think it advisable to vote on it in Boards nor Convention, if we do it may impress some as being compulsory. The only thing compulsory is this, each member of this department must be a member of the H. B. A. We want to ask each president to see how many members in your lodge are willing to pay $2.50 or $3.00 a year for a $70.00, $80.00 or $100.00 burial as the case may be. This will be the cheapest burial department that we know of. The H. B. A. policy will be free. It is a pitiful shame when we think of the fact that some of our members live in the H. B. A. for years and don't get a thing but a burial.

I still see great possibilities of having a hospital in Meridian. Do you mean to tell me that *five thousand* Negroes can not get together and put up a five or ten thousand hospital for themselves. I know two or three individual white doctors of this city who have their own private hospitals. Do you mean to tell me that all of us can not do what one white man does, in a business way. I feel and believe that what man has done man can do; what the white man can do I can do. He is a man and I am a man. He can think and I can, too. He uses his brain and I use mine. There is one difference between us—his skin is white and mine is black—but so far as the man, I see no difference. The white folks are building every day—why not we?

There is no organization in the State that is as well organized and doing for the poor class of people what the H. B. A. is doing. In what town in Mississippi has any society its home office in the business section as ours? No, that isn't the question. What society in Mississippi owns its own building with its office located in it as ours? The members of the H. B. A. have the chance of their lives, the best chance to do big things of any in the State. The chance will not be ours long if we fail to use it.

I have been editor of The Echo for about three years. As you know, it is published twice a month; it should be published every week. Meridian can afford one good paper among us Negroes, and it should be published weekly. It is true that Rev. Wallace is editor of the Mississippi Monitor, published weekly, and I am editor of The Echo. No, that isn't what I should have said. I should have said we are editors and everything else of our papers. The thought is this, no one man can successfully publish a paper. He needs help. We just need some men, that's all. If we just had a real man, a man who wanted to do something, he could be manager of The Echo and make for himself more than $100.00 per month; not only that but he would have a chance to develop himself. A man is what we want. We want and need men who are willing to start at the bottom and make something for themselves. Don't stand off and look at what the other fellow has made and try to wish it out of his hands; make something for your own hands.

I want to see a score or more of our young people coming out of school and finding employment in the H. B. A., with good salaries. It's time for us to try to make places of employment for our own people. We can only do this through co-operation. We have quite a few Negroes in our section who are doing well as individuals, but what about well doing collectively? Just start something and you will find that we as leaders will not stick together. If the ministers of the gospel can't co-operate what think ye of our members. If the doctors can't co-operate how may you expect co-operation from the patients. One thing I have noticed among Negroes. We are too selfish and egotistic. I know some preachers who do not want a preacher in their pulpit if he can beat them preaching. That's the kind of preacher I want to preach to my people; it not only helps me but it helps my people. There are some doctors who will do all they can to make it appear as if they know it all, and the other doctor knows nothing. We should learn the law of ethics. There are some local presidents who are jealous of their members as well as there are some members who envy the president's position. I am not and never have been jealous of any man when it comes to the office I hold. I don't have time to be jealous. I need that time to spend in doing the job "jam up," and by so doing the other fellow will have a hard time getting my position. If you want to hold your job, do the work "Jam up." There are not many of us who do our work "jam up," and for that reason the world is just begging for men who can do the work "jam up." A real man is never worried about a job, but jobs are always looking for real men.

We asked a bit ago that each president of the H. B. A. find out the

number of persons who wish to volunteer and join the burial department that we are getting on foot. We want this information at the next Board. We want one thousand to start with.

TO ALL LOCAL PRESIDENTS

For some time we have been asking the local presidents to see to it that all members have policies. It appears as if some of the members think that they can go on without policies. I am requesting each president to look after this matter. If you have old members in your lodge or members who have been in the Association for more than 60 days and have not gotten a policy yet, be sure to drop their name from your roll. Don't collect death claims and dues from any old member who has not gotten his policy. As you know the Constitution gives 30 days, and after that time we are not responsible for the death of a person who dies without a policy.

From now on it will pay all members to have a policy and know just where it is, for without a policy we are not going to pay any claim. For the benefit of the members each president is requested to read or have this read in his lodge.

E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

Dear Editor: We wish to say to you through The Echo that we were glad when Rev. D. H. Watson met with us on the first meeting night in January and mentioned to us the taking of Board No. 1 in March. It made us all feel glad to know we had one more chance. Now make ready all H. B. A.'s, we are going to do our whole best. Come one, come all, and be with us at Bethel Baptist Church, on Hooper Street and Forty-Sixth Avenue. Let us see you on the day appointed.

MRS. M. A. TRUSSELL,
Lodge No. 67.

Mr. Esau Sledge, president of No. 53, reported $4.50 back claims at the December Board. Due to an oversight it has not been published.

H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE
(Tentative)

Nos. 1 and 2—

1. Maggie Borders, No. 9, died December 3, 1925. D. B. Borders, president, Meridian, Miss.

2. Mary Trawick, No. 50, died December 14, 1925. E. C. Cole, president, Daleville, Miss.

3. Frank Davis, No. 139, died October, 1925. A. T. Shadwick, president, Meridian, Miss.

4. Hamp Lloyd, No. 32, died Oct. 6, 1925. B. Brown, president, Meridian, Miss.

5. Rich Kelley, No. 28, died January, 1926. M. V. B. Pitts, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

6. Joe Cooks, No. 22, died December 20, 1925. J. R. Miller, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

7. Minnie McElroy, No. 22, died January 21, 1926. J. R. Miller, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

Nos. 3 and 4—

1. W. M. Graves, No. 132, died Uovember 25, 1926. G. W. Knight, president, Summerland, Miss.

2. Ed Holloway, died December 10, 1925, No. 133. W. J. Rankins, president, Magee, Miss.

3. Alex Lott, No. 76, died December 26, 1925. Mrs. Ella Morrell, president, Laurel, Miss.

4. John M. McNair, No. 57, died December 23, 1925. W. C. McLeod, local president, Bassfield, Miss.

5. Lula Morgan, No. 115, died December 24, 1925. J. H. Harvey, president, Sumrall, Miss.

6. Quitman House, No. 127, died December 16, 1925. Mrs. Carrie Jurry, president, Shubuta, Miss.

7. Eugene Wallice, No. 213, died December 31, 1925. E. D. McLemore, president, Quitman, Miss.

8. Catherine Warner, No. 181, died January 24, 1926. J. T. James, president, Silver Creek, Miss.

9. Jasper Prcie, No. 74, died December 18, 1925. R. D. Dunlap, president, Stonewall, Miss.

10. Malissie Crumby, No. 165, died February 5, 1926. H. J. Green, president, Laurel, Miss.

11. Clara Pickens, No. 119, died January 21, 1926. J. M. Moore, president, Mathesville, Miss.

12. Malissie Davis, No. 200, died Dec. 25, 1925. C. D. Dunston, president, Brooklyn, Miss.

BUILDING COLLECTION

All local presidents who collected a part of your building fees from your members are asked to make your secnod report at the next Board. Some presidents collected only 25c from the members and you are due 30c more. If you can get it to our office before the Board it will be better, as you know our note is due March 18. Presidents of new lodges and new members who have never paid anything on the building are to collect 25c from each member. The 25c applies to presidents of new lodges who have never paid anything on the building. The 25c to new members applies to those of you who have made new members and not paid on the building. Please remember that the first payment to any new member is 25c and not 10c. Please remember that the assessment is 55c a year, and it is better to collect the 55c at once and be through with it. However, if you cannot collect it all at once you are to collect 25c on the first payment and then 10c a quarter until the 55c is paid.

Mr. John R. Jones, one of our long known friends, departed this life a few days ago. The funeral was attended at Pilgrim Baptist Church by Revs. Hutchins and Gaston. Mr. Jones was the husband of Mrs. Hattie Jones. Mrs. Jones is well known among H. B. A. presidents, for she was at one time a successful leader and president of H. B. A. No. 16. The Association and editorial staff wish to extend to Mrs. Jones and daughter their heartfelt sympathy in the loss of one who was not only close and dear to them, but to all who knew him.

The editorial staff and friends of Mr. Tell Farmer regret to know of his illness. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Presidents of Nos. 3 and 4 will please collect $1.25 instead of $1.15. One death came in as I was mailing out your blanks. Your blanks say $1.15, but you collect $1.25. Just make a 2 out of that 1 on your blank.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper. I want to inform you of the death of Brother John McNair, Dec. 23, 1925. Brother McNair is dead. His soul has joined the invisible choir, and now is dwelling in the silent city of the unknown.

I have known Brother McNair for forty years. He joined the C. M. E. Church when a young man and always made himself serviceable. He served as Sunday School superintendent, teacher, secretary of the church, and was a steward for more than thirty years. As a superintendent he was punctual; as a teacher he was loyal; and as a steward he was faithful. He loved his church and stood by it to the end. He was a good citizen and made himself a model for hsi family and friends.

In 1889 he was married to Miss Harriet Applewhite. To them were born nine children, five boys and four girls. Two of the girls are married—Mrs. Cora Carter and Mrs. Leola Otis. The oldest son, Alex, has returned to superintend business for his mother. One son, Rev. Elisha B. McNair, is a student at M. I. College.

Brother McNair was a member of H. B. A. Lodge No. 57 for six years, and served as treasurer until death. He bore his painful days with patience and without a moment of fear. When he passed through the dark valley, I feel sure he was leaning on "His rod and staff" who has said, "When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee."

A friend,
W. C. McLEOD.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space to let the readers of this paper know what Lodge No. 71 is doing. We have added four new members since the December Board. January 25 we gave a box supper and collected $12.75 for the home treasury. We have on another box supper for Saturday night, Feb. 27, and we are taking the pleasure of inviting our friends to come to D'Lo and be welcome guests to our entertainment. Come one, come all. You are welcome.

BERTHA SMITH, Sec.
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THIRD BIG H. B. A. DRIVE

We are now launching our final drive for the convention year. The General President is now giving orders for a dispensation which will last until the June Board. We are offering no prize, but we have something better to offer. The joining fee will be 50c to persons joining lodges already established. The agents may work to suit themselves. Instead of collecting $1.55 bond fee the presidents and agents are requested to collect $1.10 bond fee from each member.

Send to the office $1.00 bond fee, keep 10c for yourselves and we will issue the policies. This special privilege will only last until the June Board. This is a special favor that is being granted, and each local president and agent should do his best to add new members to his lodge. All agents who have not sent in for your license will please do so at once, as you know our license expired March 1. We want to add 1,000 new members to the Association by the June Board.

Now let us all work as hard as we did when we were working for an individual prize. Please remember that $1.60 makes you a full round member, and this lasts until the June Board. Well, boys, pull of your hats and let's go to it. I am confident of the fact that we can easily get 1,000 new members by June. If each president and his members will do their best to get or add just five members we will realize more than 1,000.

BUILDING COLLECTION

All local presidents who collected a part of your building fees from your members are asked to make your second report at the next Board. Some presidents collected only 25c from the members and you are due 30c more| If you can get it to our office before the Board it will be better, as you know our note is due March 18. Presidents of new lodges and new members who have never paid anything on the building are to collect 25c from each member. The 25c applies to presidents of new lodges who have never paid anything on the building. The 25c to new members applies to those of you who have made new members and not paid on the building. Please remember that the first payment to any new member is 25c and not 10c. Please remember that the assessment is 55c a year, and it is better to collect the 55c at once and be through with it. However, if you cannot collect it all at once you are to collect 25c on the first payment and then 10c a quarter until the 55c is paid.

A LETTER FROM LOUISIANA

Mr. Jerry Lang,
Langsdale, Miss.

Dear Sir: I am writing you concerning the H. B. A., as I am very much interested in it.

I would like to know whether or not the H. B. A. can be established in my state and town—Baton Rouge, La.? If so please advise me as to what I might do to establish it. Mr. J. H. Hays referred me to you.

If you can not give the desired information, please advise as to who can giev it.

I am yours very truly,
SHELIBY SULENS,
Rt. 3, Box 20, Baton Rouge, La.

Look out agents, we had quite a few letters from Alabama and Louisiana. We may turn you loose in a new field after a little. If we do not go, these states may organize the same thing with a "P. B. A." instead of "H. B. A.", or "C. B. A."

NOTICE!

We are appealing to each president to bring at least two new subscribers to the Board. We want more of our members to read The Echo. It is an easy matter if we just decide to do it.

Have you thought about the fact that you are president of your lodge, and have not been able to furnish us with just one subscriber? If the local presidents will get behind The Echo as they should, we could easily publish our paper weekly. Just five readers to the lodge would equal about 1,200 readers, but as it is we have about five or six hundred.

Presidents and agents, why don't you wake up. You are sleeping too much and too long. The H. B. A. is going to be whatever we make it.

Have you thought of the worth of The Echo to the Association?

Do you know how anxious you are to get it and read it? Do you not know that someone else will be anxious to read it if you will start him? Do you not know that the paper is yours? O, wake up, presidents, and help me out. Will you bring me at least two new subscribers to the next Board?

EDITOR.

Rev. E. F. Young.

Dear Sir: I have sent to your address $2.05 for the renewal of my license. I wish to state to you and the Association at large that I mean to do more this year than I have done in the history of the Association for the advancement of the cause of the H. B. A. I think the burial department is the thing for us. We should have had it long ago.

Your agent,
REV. C. L. PRINGLE,
Carmichael, Miss.

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EDITORIAL

A few days ago I was talking with a friend of mine who is a member of the C. B. A. He stated that they were planning to put up a bond in order to get out of Lauderdale county and do a bigger business. I told him that I was proud to know that they were going to put up a bond. If that is done the people will have protection.

The name of the C. B. A. is the Christian Benevolent Association of Lauderdale County. Listen! If a bond is put up it is bceause the C. B. A. is doing an insurance business, it matters not what the name may be, it is an insurance if you put up a bond. Mind you now, that's why some of our people quit the H. B. A. It had gotten to be an insurance and they wanted a benevolent society.

Have you thought of the fact that some of our good friends said that the H. B. A. did not have to put up a bond? That is just a trick of Young's. If the C. B. A. puts up a bond whose trick is it and what are you going to do about it being an insurance? Look out, boys, you said if you wanted to belong to an insurance you would get in some of our street insurances. Somehow or other I believe my friend was joking when he said they were going to put up a bond. Well, some of our C. B. A. friends have up a bond in the H. B. A., and if they are to put up another they will come back home. And then there are some who had rather put up another than to come back. Again, we have some who can't come back, so there you are.

Well, from the way I see things the C. B. A. must spread, it cannot exist very long by operating in Lauderdale county alone. The mortuary statistics will show that the death rate will be too high for a progressive existence, together with so many insurances in the same county. Some one may dispute this fact, but it is proof of itself. The C. B. A. is little better than one year old. The first quarterly assessment was between thirty and forty cents. I am informed that it has 14 deaths this quarter. I understand that they are paying $1.10 for a $100 burial. The H. B. A. is paying $1.25 this quarter for a $200 policy, and probably more. We sometimes pay as high as $1.60 per quarter. It is impossible to say or know just what our quarterly assessments will be in the H. B. A. or the C. B. A. Some of us thought the C. B. A. would never pay more than 50c per quarter, but if we do not get out of Lauderdale; if we do not spread; if we do not get bigger, and that soon, some of our quarterly assessments will be $1.50, just as the H. B. A. has at times.

I don't want anyone to get the idea that I am trying to throw a monkey-wrench in the C. B. A. machine—I am only presenting facts. The C. B. A. is doing our people great good. Our people should be in some kind of insurance. It will not do to depend upon the church and other Christian benevolent organizations to care for you in the time of distress. You had better join some kind of insurance.

The idea of putting up a bond is one of momentus importance, and when the organization has grown to the extent that the H. B. A. has it will be necessary to buy a building or a home office.

THERE IS A GOD

There is a God! The herbs of the valley, the cedars of the mountains bless Him. The insects sport in His beam; the bird sings Him in the foliage; the thunder proclaims Him in the heavens; the ocean declares His immensity. Man alone has said, "There is no God." Unite in thought at the same instant the most beautiful object of nature. Suppose that you see at once all the hours of the day, and all the seasons of the year; a morning of spring and a morning of autumn; a night bespangled with stars, and a night darkened by clouds; meadows enameled with flowers; forests hoary with snow fields gilded by the tints of autumn; then alone you will have just a conception of the universe.

While you are gazing on that sun which is plunging into the vault of the west, another observer admires him emerging from the gilded gates of the east. By what inconceivable power does that aged star, which is sinking, fatigued and burning, in the shades of the evening, reappear at the same instance, fresh and humid with the rosy dew of the morning?

At every hour of the day the glorious orb is at once rising, resplendent as noon-day, and setting in the west, or, our senses deceive us, and there is, properly speaking, no east or west, no north or south, in the world.

Go out beneath the arched heavens at night and say, if you can, "There is no God."

By EVA WEBB,
Granddaughter of F. L. Key.

CRANDALL DOTS

Mr. Editor: Shady Grove Lodge met on its last meeting with twenty odd members. The president, Mrs. Slay, was, as usual, on her job with smiles and frankness in her ruling to all. She assured the sick of visits from all. A dime from each member for the sick, visits or no visits.

Rev. Jenkins was all smiles Monday the 22nd. The results from the third Sunday was $25.00.

PAY UP AND STAY UP

I have noticed here of late that a large number of our members fail to report at the Boards. In a few days after the Board we get a lot of renewal fees. I have sent out more than a hundred dollars since the last Board. I fear our presidents do not stress the idea of paying up when the Board meets. As you all know, we do not allow any days of grace whatever. If a member fails to report in the Board he is OUT. If he dies he is a Lost Ball. Members, have you thought about the danger that lies just ahead of you when you get behind? Just suppose something would happen to you. What if you took sick? What if you died suddenly? What if you accidentally lost your life? Friends, you just can't tell. You should pay up and stay up.

Should you die it will be too late to send in your back claims. It matters not how long you have been in the H. B. A., if you get behind and die, or get sick, you are out of luck.

I understand that some presidents allow members who are behind to continue meeting with the local lodge. If a member fails to pay up in the Board he is unfinancial and has no right in any local lodge until he has renewed. It would be advisable for our presidents to read this letter to your local membership and let our people know that it is absolutely necessary that they pay up and stay up. I am just as particular as can be when it comes to paying my insurance or society dues. Why? It is too much risk to play with.

There is one other matter that I wish to speak of. I am very often informed that some of our ministers (some of my tribe) are often saying hard things about the H. B. A. and other orders that are doing our people good. To be frank, I really think a minister who tries to knock the H. B. A. is in his own light. I have not yet seen the preacher who can go to his congregation and take up a collection for a deceased member of his church that will amount to what the H. B. A.'s give. It is hard to raise $10.00 over that dead body. In fact, collections are out of date. We should make preparations to bury ourselves while we live. No preacher of any note will object to his members trying to join something that will give them and their family some protection while sick and probably death in the family.

I am praying for the time to come when the people will demand and appreciate a better prepared and efficient ministry. Some of our people think that a preacher is not preaching and cannot preach if he doesn't run all over the pulpit, sit down, lay down, spit all over the floor, put his fingers in his ears, moan like old Rover, go out to the cemetery, get my baby, my sister, my brother, my father, and last of all, my dear old mothre. Somebody is not going to like this, but I tell you the truth, its nothing in the world but "bosh," and "tommyrot." Most anybody can make you feel sad when he begins talking about your dead kinfolks. Who is it that does not feel sad over the loss of a dear loved one? That is some of our preachers' "hobby." Brother preacher, that "stuff" may last a while, but your horn will soon "toot out." You had better get something that will be food and thought for your people. Of course if that's all you have got, that's all you can give.

Instead of trying to knock the H. B. A. you had just as well fall in line, in fact, it will be better for you, for your members are joining. You and one or two officers may not let them meet in your church, but they go across the hill to the next church. If we were to spend more time in our study we would be better off.

TO ALL LOCAL PRESIDENTS

For some time we have been asking the local presidents to see to it that all members have policies. It appears as if some of the members think that they can go on without policies. I am requesting each president to look after this matter. If you have old members in your lodge or members who have been in the Association for more than 60 days, and have not gotten a policy yet, be sure to drop their name from your roll. Don't collect death claims and dues from any old member who has not gotten his policy. As you know the Constitution gives 30 days, and after that time we are not responsible for the death of a person who dies without a policy.

From now on it will pay all members to have a policy and know just where it is, for without a policy we are not going to pay any claim. For the benefit of the members each president is requested to read or have this read in his lodge.

E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

Cohay, Miss., Feb. 23, 1926.

Dear Readers and Officers of the H. B. A.: I want to say that I am a member of the H. B. A. I am one who works hard for the growth of the order. I believe in doing the right thing. I like to read The Echo, and I believe that each local president should see to it that some of their members read the paper. I read it over and over, and I get great good by reading it. We have a lot of members in our lodge who do not know the real good of the H. B. A. Some of them are in and out, but we are trying our best to get it into their minds and let them know what the H. B. A. stands for. I have noticed what you said about getting a hospital. Yes, sir! Yes, sir! I am ready for that, too, and again, I am ready for paying my $2.50 or $3.00 a year for a $70.00, $80.00 or $100.00 burial. So I am with you.

WORT WALKER,
Box 158, Cohay, Miss.

Agent J. D. Pace was in our office a few days ago. Mrs. Pace could hardly get him away. He reported about $45.00 bond fee for new lodges that he had organized.

J. D. Pace is doing big business —wherever he goes business picks up.

H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE
(Tentative)

Nos. 1 and 2—

1. Maggie Borders, No. 9, died December 3, 1925. D. B. Borders, president, Meridian, Miss.

2. Mary Trawick, No. 50, died December 14, 1925. E. C. Cole, president, Daleville, Miss.

3. Frank Davis, No. 139, died October, 1925. A. T. Shadwick, president, Meridian, Miss.

4. Hamp Lloyd, No. 32, died Oct. 6, 1925. B. Brown, president, Meridian, Miss.

5. Rich Kelley, No. 28, died January, 1926. M. V. B. Pitts, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

6. Joe Cooks, No. 22, died Decem-

7. Minnie McElroy, No. 22, died Jan. 21, 1926. J. R. Miller, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

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8. L. J. Person, No. 20, died January 1, 1926. Wm. S. Knott, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

Nos. 3 and 4—

1. W. M. Graves, No. 132, died November 25, 192. G. W. Knight, president, Summerland, Miss.

2. Ed Holloway, died December 10, 1925, No. 133. W. J. Rankins, president, Magee, Miss.

3. Alex Lott, No. 76, died December 26, 1925. Mrs. Ella Morrell, president, Laurel, Miss.

4. John M. McNair, No. 57, died December 23, 1925. W. C. McLeod, local president, Bassfield, Miss.

5. Lula Morgan, No. 115, died December 24, 1925. J. H. Harvey, president, Sumrall, Miss.

6. Quitman House, No. 127, died December 16, 1925. Mrs. Carrie Jurry, president, Shubuta, Miss.

7. Eugene Wallice, No. 213, died December 31, 1925. E. D. McLemore, president, Quitman, Miss.

8. Catherine Warner, No. 181, died January 24, 1925. J. T. James, president, Silver Creek, Miss.

9. Jasper Price, No. 74, died December 18, 1925. R. D. Dunlap, president, Stonewall, Miss.

10. Malissie Crumby, No. 165, died February 5, 1926. H. J. Green, president, Laurel, Miss.

11. Clara Pickens, No. 119, died January 21, 1926. J. M. Moore, president, Mathesville, Miss.

12. Malissie Davis, No. 200, died Dec. 25, 1925. C. D. Dunston, president, Brooklyn, Miss.

Mr. I. English, president of No. 69, was in our office a few days ago. He has made a round report on the building. President English has a good, strong lodge, with more than 40 members. He reports that one of his daughters is very ill. The staff as well as the Association extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy, and we hope that the daughter may regain her health.

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H. B. A. COLLECTIONS

The following amounts were collected and paid during the March Board:

Back death claims	$ 52.00
Building fund	120.00
Bond fee	125.00
Quarterly dues	602.00
Death claims	4,533.40
Grand total	$5,432.40

Paid to thirteen representatives in Districts 3 and 4, $225.00 each. Paid to eight representatives in Districts 1 and 2, $201.05 each. We are in advance with our building notes.

We have sent out the back money. Those in Districts 1 and 2 were sent checks for $2.25 each, those in 3 and 4 were sent checks for $2.50 each. All checks for March and December were mailed out March 26.

MT. PLEASANT DOTS

Rev. R. L. Young and his people on the Mt. Pleasant and Collins Circuit are moving on nicely. The church at Mt. Pleasant has been painted, and all broken window panes have been replaced. They have raised more general claims and paid the pastor more than they had last year this time. Rev. Young has a splendid set of officers, such as J. R. McNair, Griffie McNair, Van Ratliff, G. E. Easterling, Ezra Easterling, Reed Easterling, P. Powell, Eddie Barron, Earlie Magee and many others that could be mentioned. With these officers, Mt. Pleasant knows no failure. On the fourth Sunday in February, Rev. H. B. Leach was with Mt. Pleasant and preached two splendid sermons. Collections, $65.00. Rev. E. F. Young was present on the fourth Sunday in March; the day was a bit unfavorable, but service at 11:30 a. m. was good. Collection, $55.00. Sunday night it rained.

H. B. A. DRIVE WARMING UP

The drive for 1,000 new members by the June Board is hot already. The local presidents reported 125 new members in the Boards. We want 875 more by June. Let all of us do our best to go over the top. All presidents making new members from now until June may collect $1.10 bond fee; send $1.00 to the office and I shall forward your policy.

The young people of Holly Springs C. M. E. Church, Bassfield, Miss., gave the pastor, Rev. E. F. Young, and Rev. E. B. Blackman, P. E. of the Meridian District, a "storm' a few weeks ago which was very much appreciated by them. They will be glad for you to come again, young people.

The Index Popularity Contest is getting "hot.' Just a few more days to work and the story will be told. I have a number of friends who have promised to help me go over the "top," and I am reminding you through the Echo that the contest closes Thursday, April 15, at 5:00 o'clock p. m. Come on friends and help me to put Mississippi in the lead.

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

Prof. W. M. Turner is planning a successful school closing at Covington County Training School about the last of the month. Prof. Turner and his teachers are doing a very commendable work. He is associated with the following teachers in his work: Mrs. W. M. Turner, Miss Effie Reece and Miss Maud McNair. Miss Miller has been the musical instructor.

Following are the reports of the various lodges during the last Boards. If any one has made his report and it is not published, please notify me and I will gladly publish same. Also if there is a mistake in the amounts paid please notify me and I will gladly correct same.

No.—	Dues.	Death.	Back.
1	$ 4.05	$ 30.80	$
2	7.05	52.80	
3	3.60	27.50	
4	4.80	36.30	
5	1.05	8.80	
8	.90	7.70	
9	3.90	29.70	
11	4.80	36.30	
19	3.00	23.10	
20	6.75	50.60	
21	6.45	48.40	
22	4.65	35.20	
23	14.85	110.00	
27	2.55	19.80	
28	7.50	56.10	
30	8.70	64.90	
31	540	40.70	
32	3.15	24.20	
33	5.40	40.70	
39	750	25.10	
40	5.55	41.80	
42	4.20	31.90	
44	1.65	13.20	1.50
45	3.30	25.30	
47	1.95	15.40	
49	1.20	9.90	
50	2.55	19.80	1.50
52	4.95	37.40	
53	3.15	24.20	4.50
54	.90	7.70	
55	3.30	24.20	
56	1.95	15.40	
57	19.65	145.20	
60	1.05	8.80	
61	2.25	16.50	
62	.15	1.10	
63	2.40	18.70	
64	8.40	62.70	1.60
66	1.20	9.90	
67	2.70	20.90	
69	6.30	47.30	
70	4.65	35.20	
71	6.75	50.60	
72	6.60	49.50	
74	3.30	25.30	

No.—	Dues.	Death.	Back.
75	.75	6.60	
76	6.15	46.20	9.00
77	2.40	18.70	
79	4.50	34.10	
80	6.60	49.50	
82	10.65	79.20	
85	4.20	31.90	
92	5.25	39.60	
93	7.50	56.10	
94	1.95	15.40	
95	6.75	50.60	
96	4.99	25.30	
99	6.30	47.30	2.00
100	1.65	13.20	
102	9.30	69.30	
105	5.10	38.50	
106	1.80	14.30	
108	6.30	47.30	
109	1.80	14.30	
110	4.05	30.80	
111	1.35	11.00	
112	2.10	16.50	
113	1.80	13.20	
114	.60	5.50	
115	6.30	47.30	
116	2.25	17.60	
118	4.65	35.20	
119	11.25	83.60	
120	5.10	35.13	
121	2.55	19.80	
122	2.85	22.00	
123	4.20	31.90	
125	1.95	15.40	
127	10.50	78.10	
130	6.90	51.70	2.00
131	.90	7.70	
132	1.20	9.90	
133	15.00	111.10	
135	1.05	8.80	.85
139	2.10	16.50	
141	3.90	29.70	2.00
145	5.25	39.60	
147	.75	6.60	
148	1.95	15.40	1.00
151	3.90	29.70	
152	4.35	33.00	
153	4.35	33.00	
157	1.95	14.40	
158	1.65	13.20	
159	2.55	19.80	
160	8.55	63.80	
161	.60	5.50	
162	.30	3.30	
163	1.75	15.40	
165	5.85	44.00	1.00
166	1.95	15.40	
167	3.15	24.20	
173	5.25	39.60	
174	1.20	9.90	
176	1.50	12.10	
177	5.40	40.70	
178	1.65	13.20	
179	5.25	39.60	
180	.75	6.60	
181	7.95	59.40	
183	1.30	8.80	
187	.75	5.50	
189	7.95	59.40	
190	6.90	51.70	
193	2.85	22.00	
194	2.10	16.50	
195	6.45	48.40	
196	4.05	30.80	8.00
197	.30	3.30	
198	4.05	18.70	
200	5.55	41.80	
201	3.75	26.40	6.00
202	2.55	19.80	
203	1.95	15.40	
205	2.85	22.00	
207	3.00	23.10	
209	.60	5.50	
212	1.95	15.40	
213	10.80	80.30	
214	2.25	17.60	1.00
215	2.70	20.90	
216	1.35	8.65	
217	2.70	20.90	1.00
218	2.40	20.90	
219	1.50	12.10	
220	1.65	13.20	
221	3.00	23.10	
222	2.70	20.90	
224	.90	6.60	
225	1.05	8.80	
226	1.65	12.10	
227	2.10	16.50	
228	3.00	23.10	
229	2.40	18.70	
230	3.75	26.40	

Quite a number of the presidents have sent their reports in since the last Boards. Some of the amounts were in early enough for us to mail the amounts out together with the amount collected at the Boards, others will come in as back money.

All new lodges that made their first report in the last Boards were requested to pay $1.50 Echo and publication fees. This amount is to be paid by the local lodges. All presidents who hold those receipts will collect the amount that you paid out from your lodges. This applies to those who had never made reports before the last Board.

In the next issue we will publish reports sent in after the Boards.

Gulfport, Miss., March 1, 1926.

Editor R. L. Young.

Dear Sir: I am writing you this morning to say a word about our trip to "The Old Home Town," the fourth Sunday in February found us on the scene of the old childhood battle-ground, and we lived our life over again. The pools and the orchards seemed to say to us as we roamed, Hello, E. L., you can't bend us down and ride now." The old home place is still there, but no mother or father to welcome us there, and this familiar poem came to me:

"Turn back, turn back, O Time, in thy flight,
And make me a child just for to-night;
Mother, come from thy home in the vaulted skies,
And rock me to sleep just tonight."

We were the guests of our twin brother, Isaac Fox, in his beautiful home on the famous "Old Spanish Trail." We delivered the sermon in the church that had its origin in our father's home. Collection for the evening, $43.00. We left feeling good over our trip home.

Yours, H. B. A.,
E. L. FOX.

PRICE LIST ON NEW H. B. A. BADGES

	EACH
1 to 8	$1.00
8 to 15	.90
15 to 25	.80
25 to 40	.70
40 to 100	.65
100 to 175 or 200	.55

We PAY POSTAGE ON ALL ORDERS

All presidents should order Traveling and Identification Cards. We have plenty of Transfer Cards for members who desire

NOTICE!

All presidents who have members that desire to have one of the new H. B. A. policies instead of their old ones will please send 25c for the new policy. Send 2c postage and your old policy. Please bear this in mind. Remember, if this is not done your policy will cost you the regular $1.10 bond fee that is now included in the H. B. A. drive.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO Nos. 3 AND 4

This is to certify that Addie May Thompson of H. B. A. No. 57, Bassfield, Miss., died January 30, 1926. This notice should have been sent out and the claimant should have appeared among those who were paid in the last Board. The president, W. C. McLeod, failed to notify me until after the March blanks were out. In making the assessment and the death list I made it tentative subject to a change if I desired) therefore after all reports were in and it was found that we could pay 13 instead of the 12 that appeared in the Echo, I sent to W. C. McLeod, president of No. 57 at Bassfield, Miss., a check for $225.00, the same amount that the rest were paid.

I make this announcement through the Echo in order that the Association may know just what and how we are doing . I want to urge our local presidents to not wait a month before you send in the death notice of your members. It puts us to too much disadvantage. You all know the law. Some of us can always see something wrong in the other fellow, but can never see our own wrongs. We had another death from a certain lodge that was not reported, but I knew that the person was dead and I knew that he was in good standing. I knew that those poor people needed their money and I just had to send it out. From now on I am going to publish the deaths whenever they are sent in.

CRANDALL DOTS

Crandall, Miss., No. 123, is yet on top. The president was, as usual, smiles for the whole lodge. She had the Echo read in the lodge, and to hear the many good sayings of the Echo, the president, Sister A. L. Slay, called for subscribers and three subscribed for the paper.

The vice-president, Sister Jennie McRae, was absent owing to sickness. We are glad she is up again.

Prof. Donald's school closed March 11, and it was a treat to be present to see the children and hear them.

Brothers Link Hopkins, Hubert and Clarence Welch, Green and Sister Susan Murphy are improving after having the flue.

The agent, Rev. Pringle, passed through on the 18th. He went to take up a wreck. Look out! He's the man for that, and is on his job.

Should you protest after the blue ribbon is through, you almost have sinned against the Holy Ghost.

BOOSTER.

Rev. D. L. Morgan, P. E. of the Meridian District of the M. E. Church, and Mr. D. H. Hare, real estate agent of Laurel, Miss., were in our office a few days ago.

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THE ECHO

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MR. S. P. HENRY EXAMINES H. B. A.

Elsewhere in this issue there is a statement as to the condition of the H. B. A., ending December 31, 1925. Mr. Henry has examined our records for the past year and finds everything in splendid condition. We continue to grow and expand. There is nothing for us to do but boast and feel proud of our splendid success. We, as H. B. A.'s, really have something to boast of. Mr. Henry has approved our work for eight years. That speaks well for those of us who are at the head of the Association.

Since the state has taken our work in its hand, that is, since our work has come under insurance laws, we have had no trouble with the state, neither has the state had any trouble with us.

NOTICE

Our next issue of The Echo will be out in a few days, after which we shall not publish another until the latter part of May. After April 23 we shall be in Kansas City. All presidents desiring to write me will please address your letters to Rev. R. L. Young, Hotel St., 18th and Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. Should you have a member to die please notify me at the above address. I am confident the death report blanks will be mailed out from Kansas City.

Mrs. Ella Morrell, president of Lodge No. 76, Laurel, Miss., has sent in two subscribers since the Board. What if each president would send in just two subscribers? It would mean about one hundred and sixteen new subscribers. Come on, presidents, and see what you can do in the way of securing subscribers. Thank you Mrs. Morrell, send in some more.

TUSKEGEE COMPLETES ITS $50,000 ATHLETIC BOWL

The Tuskegee athletic bowl, which will cost when completed approximately $50,000, has met a pressing need at Tuskegee. It is located just across the parade ground within easy reach of the entire student body, Greenwood community, the United States Veterans' hospital and the town of Tuskegee.

The bowl as it stands today transforms a natural ravine, filled with small scrub pines and oaks, into a fine playground for Tuskegee's young folk. Here are located the football gridiron, the baseball diamond and the track. On the rise just above the rim of the bowl arrangements are being made for the construction of tennis courts.

The student body, teachers, alumni and friends of the school have worked together to complete the place where Tuskegee teams can contest with their rivals for all time. The bowl is a monument to clean living and high thinking.

The following are lodges that failed to report at the March Board:

No.—	Dues.	Death Claims.
158	Renewal from Dec.	$ 6.00
58	$ 3.30	25.30
204	.60	5.40
210	1.65	13.20
156	.90	7.70
62	2.40	18.70
192	1.35	11.00
138	. 45	4.40
136	1.95	21.65
18	1.65	13.20
146	3.30	24.40
197	Correction... 3.30	24.40
56	1.95	15.40

IMPORTANT

The General President has ordered me to say through The Echo to all presidents and members of the H. B. A. who desire to become members of the Burial Department, to mail to my address $3.00. This will entitle you to a first class funeral. This includes casket and embalming. Three dollars will pay you up for one year. Members are requested to turn your money over to your president and he will forward same to us. If you do not have the $3.00 to begin with, you may pay one-half and as soon as you are able, pay the balance. We want to ask each president to get at least five members. We must have 1,000 to start with. Please remember that we shall not begin business until we can register 1,000 members. If we fail to get the desired number we will refund your money.

Let each president do his best. If you can get your whole lodge it will be better. Do you know that this is less than 6c per week for membership in the Burial Department? Any person who wants real protection would pay 6c per week.

Do you know that it is less than 24c per month counting by the week? Let's join the Burial Department.

Dear Editor: I want you to allow me a little space to let the public know what Lodge No. 98 is doing. We are in a prosperous condition. We have no sick and have in our treasury $64.00. We have a loyal group of officers that stand for the H. B. A. We meet every third Saturday and are always open for inspection. We planned a splendid Easter program and had an enjoyable time. I pray a blessing upon the general officers of the H. B. A.

MRS. A. B. PAIGE,
No. 98, Porterville, Miss.

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YES, THEY NEED IT

It will be remembered that at our last Convention the General President suggested that the local presidents get all joining and renewal fees coming from members. The committee on resolutions did not concur with this. I understand that a part of the committee thought that the members would complain too much. Now, to begin with, we know that we cannot please everybody. Suppose the local president does get all joining and renewal fees, what is it to the member? What does it cost the member? No one knows the trouble that our presidents have except those of us who have gone through with it. If we wait until all of our members are satisfied before we are to be considered we shall never get anything. Yes, the local presidents should get all joining and renewal fees, and should be paid for their time in going to the Board and Convention. If you start to giving your lodge everything that belongs to you it will expect it and more besides. Some of our presidents have members who do not want to pay their way to and from the Boards. Some people will "ride a free horse to death." I am hoping that the next Convention will put this proposition to work.

If the Committee on Resolutions does not favor this, don't turn it down; bring it before the house and let the presidents have a vote on it since it directly concerns them. I do not mean to construe the idea that the committee cannot turn such matters down that it feels are not worthy. It is a fact that whatever comes before the body must come through a committee. I am only saying this to put the committee to thinking. The local presidents need more consideration from the local lodges. I am told that some of our local presidents will not sell the pins for 20c, but sell them at cost. The general body allows more, so to speak, than the local lodges. The body exempts presidents from dues, allows them 10c on every pin and every policy that they sell.

I hope that we will think of this matter. I know presidents who pay from one to four and five dollars for members at the Boards, and sometimes they never get it.

"Yes, they need it."

SECRETARY.

STATEMENT (Fraternal)
Holbrook Benevolent Association of Meridian, Miss.

CONDITION DECEMBER 31st, 1925, AS PER STATEMENT FILED

Balance from Previous Year		$ 8,176.61
INCOME		
Total Net Amount Received from Members	$18,912.20	
Total Investment Income	4,693.29	
Total Income		$23,605.49
DISBURSEMENTS		
Total Benefits Paid (Line 6, page 3, Annual Statement Blank)	$16,890.25	
Salaries, Fees and Commissions Paid Officers, Employees, Agents and Deputies (see lines 9 to 18 inclusive, page 3)	1,429.90	
Other Disbursements	2,877.86	
Total Disbursements		$21,198.01
ASSETS		
Total Admitted Assets		$10,584.09
LIABILITIES		
Total Unpaid Claims	$ 3,030.25	
Other Liabilities	159.68	
Total Liabilities		$ 3,189.93
BALANCES		
Balances on hand December 31st, 1925, in the following funds: Mortuary $6,100.00; Building, $4,271.57; Expense $212.52. Total		$10,584.09

BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI IN 1925

Total Benefit Certificates in force December 31, 1924, as per last Statement	No. 2770,	Amt. Product of Assessment
Total Benefit Certifcates in force December 31, 1925	No 3851,	Amt. Product of Assessment
Received during the year from members in Mississippi	Total	$18,912.20
Claims unpaid December 31, 1924, as per last Statement	No. 9, Amt.	1,866.80
Claims incurred during the year	No. 88, Amt.	18,053.70
Claims unpaid December 31, 1925	No. 14, Amt.	3,030.25

President, E. F. Young; Secretary, R. L. Young; Home Office, Meridian, Miss.

General Agent for Service, State Insurance Commissioner, Jackson, Miss.

State of Mississippi, Insurance Department,
Jackson, Miss., April 8, 1925.

I, T. M. Henry, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Holbrook Benevolent Association, a Fraternal Order, of Meridian, Miss., filed with this department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1925.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

T. M. HENRY, Insurance Commissioner.
By S. P. HENRY, Examiner.

HELL

Just what is meant by this word
"Hell"?
They say sometimes, "It's cold as
Hell,"
Sometimes they say, "It's hot as
Hell,"
When it rains hard, "It's Hell,"
they cry,
They "hate like Hell" to see it snow,
It's "a Hell of a wind" when it starts
to blow.
Now "how in Hell" can anyone tell
"What in Hell" they mean by this
word "Hell"?

This married life is "Hell," they
say,
When he comes in late there's "Hell
to pay."
"It's Hell" when the kid you have to
tote,
When he starts to yell, it's "a Hell of
a note."
It's "Hell" when the doctor sends
his bills,
For "a Hell of a lot" of trips and
pills.
When you get this you will know real
well
Just what is meant by this word
"Hell."

"Hell, yes!" "Hell, no!" and "Oh,
Hell," too!
"The Hell you don't!" "The Hell
you do."
And "What in Hell!" and "The Hell
it is,"
"The Hell with you," and "The Hell
with this!"
Now "Who in Hell!" and "Oh, Hell,
Where?"
And "What in Hell do you think I
care?"
But "The Hell of it is," "It's as
sure as Hell,"
We don't know "What in the Hell is
Hell."

Rev. R. L. Young: Dear Sir and Brother: This comes to let you know that the beautiful calendar of the Holbrook Benevolent Associatoin has been received, and it made my heart leap for joy when I looked at it. Having been wounded by a machine on the 21st of January, I was in the hospital when I received it, but I lost sight of the wounds and was at home with you all taking an active part in the H. B. A. My presence is absent from you all, but my heart and desires will ever be with you. I shall forever be an H. B. A. I am praying for its success, so go on and upward for God is with you.

MRS. O. CATCHING,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in The Echo to say a word about the grand old order, the H. B. A. There is nothing like it. I am sending in four applications. We are planning a big rally on the fourth Sunday in May and invite all. Come one, come all. I pray to God for the great work to go on.

L. N. MARTIN,
No. 189, Cohay, Miss.

All presidents who have bond interest checks from the last checks that were sent out must cash them in the next 10 days or else you may lose your money. We do not issue these checks for you to keep six and twelve months; they are to be cashed at once. Please take notice that after April 27 your checks will be no good.

We have a nice lot of H. B. A. badges on hand already. The price list shows elsewhere in The Echo. At the rate they are going we will not have them long. Order now or you will be left.

The local president bars have come an dthose presidents desiring them may call at the office.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in The Echo to say that I have received my badge and calendar. I am well pleased with both. I think it is so grand to have my General President as a safe leader, and General Secretary as one who knows no failure, hanging on my walls. May God bless and keep you both that you may still care for the many, many H. B. A disciples.

J. A. ANDERSON,
Lodge No. 161.

GOOD NEWS

It will be good news to the presidents and members of the H. B. A. to know that the interest coming to us this time from bonds amounts to $238.01. The bond interest will not be sent out until July. We have some coupons that are now due, and we have some that will not be due until the latter part of June. We cannot draw all of our interest until July, therefore we are holding all of it in order to send it all out at once. All lodges from No. 1 to No. 193 will get checks in July for bond interest; all lodges above 193 were organized in 1925, therefore you do not have any interest for 1925.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC.
Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912,

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MISSISSIPPI TEACHERS IN ANNUAL MEET

Greenville, Miss., April 9.—Two thousand teachers were in attendance at the twentieth annual session of the Mississippi Association of Teachers, April 1 to 3, in No. 2 school building, of which Mrs. L. W. Coleman is principal.

President Johnson, in his annual address, which was well received, showed that 300,064 children of the Race were enrolled in schools; that that there was a general increase in the average salaries paid teachers; that length of terms of school, that 75 per cent of the counties had organized parent-teachers' associations, and a general improvement along educational lines in the building of additional schools. He spoke of the hearty co-operation received from the county superintendents and local school authorities in furthering the cause of Race education throughout the state.

Among the outstanding educators present were Hon. Leo M. Favrot, Bura Hilburn and S. W. Strahan, representing the general board of education; Dr. W. T. Holmes, president of Tougaloo college; R. B. Hayes, dean of New Orleans college, New Orleans, La.; Prof. W. A. Battles, Okolona college; Rev. W. Scott Chinn, superintendent of Gulfside Association, Waverly, Miss.; Rev. H. H. Dunn, secretary of congregational school work in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi; President L. J. Rowan, principal of Alcorn college, who ranks high in educational service and represents Mississippi in the national Y. M. C. A.

Dr. R. S. Grossley, president of the Association of Teachers of Dover, Del., delivered the main address. Hon. Blake W. Godfrey, state superintendent of the Y. M. C. A., spoke of boy life, and outlined the program of activities, urging the teachers to co-operate in this new enterprise. Mrs. A. W. Dumas of Natchez, Miss., president of the Parent-Teacher association, told of the excellent work being done by the organization and how parents are working with school authorities in educating the children.

The association was welcomed by Mayor J. A. Cannon, Judge Percy Bell, Lizzie W. Coleman and W. O. Lloyd. Prof. J. G. H. Bowman of Vicksburg responded.

Discussions were held during the session upon various subjects which were calculated to instruct, inspire and increase the general interest in Race education and uplift.

Ifficers elected for the ensuing year were: W. W. Blackburn, president, Jackson, Miss.; W. F. Reden, vice-president; Mrs. S. C. Phillips, recording secretary; Miss J. E. L. Haynes, assistant secretary; Mrs. M. E. Miller, treasurer; B. B. Dansley, executive secretary and editor of the journal, and J. E. Johnson, member of national executive council.

NOTICE LOCAL PRESIDENTS

All presidents will please be informed that fifty cents will not renew any member. Any one renewing up in the H. B. A. must pay whatever assessment was on at the time he went out plus fifty cents renewal fee. Twenty-five cents of the fifty cent goes to the local president, and twenty-five cents to the home treasury. The quarterly dues and death claims are to be sent to the general secretary.

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OPPORTUNITY

Many do with opportunity as the children do at the seashore—they fill their little hands with sand, then let the grains fall through, one by one, until they are all gone.

Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity. Opportunity has hair in front, but behind she is bald. If you seize her by the forelock you may hold on, but if you suffer her to escape, Jupiter himself cannot catch her again. Opportunity is the offer of God. Heaven gives us enough when it gives us opportunity. Great opportunities are general as a result of the wise improvement of the small ones. Wise men make more opportunities than they find. If you think your opportunities are not good enough you had better improve them. Remember that you are responsible for talents, time and opportunities. You must find them, and if you do not find just what you want, then improve and make what you have, as one who must give an account of what he does. Make hay while the sun shines. Gather roses while they bloom.

As a general rule those who have little or no opportunities despise what they have, but those who despise the small ones never get to the larger ones. Making use of one's opportunities not only makes one do a great work, but sometimes proves disastrous if unheeded.

EVA WEBB,
Granddaughter of Rev. F. L. Key,
Lodge No. 96.

A stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith a few days ago and left a fine little boy. The mother and baby are developing normally. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Rev. E. F. Young.

NOTICE

Dear Editor: This comes to inform the readers of The Echo that H. B. A. Lodge No. 145 is planning to have its annual sermon the fifth Sunday in May, and we take this method of informing all H. B. A.'s that we are expecting them. Rev. R. L. Young, General Secretary, will be with us and preach the annual sermon. Come one, come all, and help us put our program over in grand style.

H. R. EVANS,
Enterprise, Miss.

Sunday, May 2, is nationally known as Mother's Day. Some of us will wear a white flower, while others more fortunate will make a call to see mother or write a letter. Whether living or dead, let us not forget to pay tribute to the greatest of all beings—Mother. Let her know that you appreciate her if she is living. There is one thing that should be remembered, and that is, it matters not what our success or achievement in life might be, we owe it to mother. Let us not think of mother in terms of sentiment and affection only, but in terms of accomplishment. If we will think for a few minutes of mother's responsibilities for the social, civic, moral and cultural welfare of her children it would not only bring us the joy of inspiration and beauty, but the joy of work and achievement.

Mr. Floyd Ott, president of No. 21, has already sent in his five new members on the drive, and then some more. He writes that he still has others to send in. Three cheers for Ott! Come on, boys, and let us do our part towards making this drive a success.

Dear Readers: The Christian Index popularity contest has closed. I am sure you have noticed that I hold the second place, which means a round trip ticket to our General Conference to be held at Kansas City, Mo., May 5-20. I am taking this method of thanking those who have helped me to be listed among the winners. I had hoped to be the winner of the first prize, but since I missed it by about 55 votes, I am feeling good just the same. I realize the fact that we could not all be first, and the one who did lead just beat the rest of us running. I have learned a lesson, however, and that lesson is this: "Aim high and you will not be ashamed of the landing." I aimed at first and missed it, but I do not feel badly over coming second. Had I aimed at third no doubt I would have taken the fourth place.

I am reminded of a little poem that I very often repeat, as well as endeavor to live up to:

"If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine
May make a friend the fleeter,
If any little lift of mine
May ease the burden of another,
God give me love, and care, and strength
To help my toiling brother.

Friends, you have certainly made life sweeter for me. When I think of this as being my first effort to do a work of this kind, and how my friends have helped me, I am encouraged. I have more inspiration and a greater desire to do. I am hoping that I may prove worthy of the support you have given me, and whatever you might give me in the future.

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EDITORIAL

LYNCHING

A few days ago while reading the Meridian Star there was an article in it concerning a lynching at or near Poplarville, Miss. Naturally the first thing that came to my mind before reading further was this "Another poor Negro lynched." But as I continued to read, I found that I was mistaken in my thoughts and ideas. A white man was the victim instead of a colored man. After I had read that it was a man of the opposite race I immediately stopped reading and said, "Good. I am glad it was a white man and not a Negro." For a bit I commented and seemed to have gotten joy out of the fact that it was a white man lynched by a white mob. After this I finished reading the article. If I am not mistaken the paper stated that there were about 30 cars with a white mob and handkerchiefs over their faces. The nurses at a near-by hospital were forbidden to use the telephone in any manner whatever. The mob went into the jail house, called the prisoner out in his night clothes and told him to come along. He asked that he might be allowed to dress. They replied to him, "You will not need them; you will soon be in eternity." The prisoner responded and walked toward the car with the men who were to hurl him into eternity. A few hours later the authorities were notified of his death and whereabouts. What a tragedy! What a tragedy! One might wonder why I could say "What a tragedy," because of consoling myself in the beginning over the fact that it was a white man. But after I had read that article the second time, as to how men could form themselves together and take another man, who is flesh and blood as they are, mob him, take that away from him which only God can give, without regards to the law of the land, I lost sight of the color and race to which he belongs. I know nothing of his guilt or innocence, but as to whether he was guilty or not, men should not become so brutish in mind and heart that they ignore the law of the land. Without law abiding citizens in every respect we cannot expect our country to hold its place among civilized Christian nations.

Life was sweet to the victim, and if he had violted he should have been punished, but according to the law. I can no longer console myself and say "Good, I am glad it was a white man instead of a Negro." I have lost sight of his color and race, and I have become solely interested in mankind. I am praying and hoping for the time to come when all men shall forget race color and creed when it comes to justice. Mob violence and lynching should be abhorred among all people for all races and color.

Pleasant Grove C. M. E. Church had on a rally for the pastor, Rev. Wm. Anderson, the fourth Sunday in April, but due to several hindrances only partial reports were made, amounting to $27.95. Even though we did not do very much, financially, the spiritual side was all that could be hoped for. Rev. E. F. Young preached an instructive and inspiring sermon in the morning which was folowed in the afternoon with a soul-stirring one by the Rev. House, pastor of Tabernacle M. E. Church, who was over with several of his members and helped us out wonderfully.

NOTICE

During the March Boards we had a claim for Malissie Davis, deceased. The beneficiary was named to me as John Davis, Brooklyn, Miss. After taking out expense, I mailed John Davis a check for $57.00. The letter and check have been returned with the words, "Opened through a mistake by John Davis." The deceased was a member of Lodge No. 200, W. M. Peay, president. As soon as I get the proper instructions I will mail the check out again.

The following deaths have been reported since the last Board. Full details will be published in the next issue. This list is subject to change because some of the deaths have not been verified:

Nos. 1 and 2—Amanda Perryman, No. 110; Lula Mae Hall, No. 72; Ed McShan, No. 9; Georgia Burton, No. 96; Ben Harris, No. 28; Rosa Darden, No. 40; Mary Beals, No. 20.

Nos. 3 and 4—Bettie Hayes, No. 167; Francis Cook, No. 201; Estella Williams, No. 99; Annie Sims, No. 218; Rosa Brown, No. 159; Henry Lamore, No. 145; Martha Ward, No. 145; Joe Myers, No. 103; Laurence Smith, No. 165; Jessie Lott, No. 173; Fred Washington, No. 74; J. T. Hall, No. 120.

The Boards meet as follows: No. 1 at Toomsuba, Mississippi Lodge No. 21, June 15, F. Ott, president; No. 2, five miles southeast of DeKalb, Macedonia Church, W. L. McDade, president Lodge No. 85, June 16.

No. 4 to Mt. Carmel, southeast of Prentiss, Miss., C. H. Hall, president Lodge No. 180, June 21; No. 3 to Stonewall, Miss., June 22, J. H. Drakeford, president Lodge No. 80.

Rev. A. L. Bohannan, pastor of Rose Hill M. E. Church, was married to Miss Lou Bertha Dawson, Sunday evening, April 18, at Haven Chapel M. E. Church. The ceremony was performed by Dr. J. B. F. Shaw, President of Haven Teachers College. The affair was well attended.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22—While a bill to permit the National Press Club to erect its building on F Street to a height of 140 feet above the curb, was under consideration by the Senate last Thursday, Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, took occasion to chide the people of the District of Columbia for their failure to check colored people from moving into so-called white sections.

He contended that the usurpation of white sections by colored people is destroying property values and shifting residential sections. "New Jersey Avenue was once a residential section for white people," he said. "Its value were high, its location attractive; but now look at it." Continuing, he said:

"Colored people moved in and on it; the white people sacrificed and bought elsewhere. As the white people moved farther west and farther north the colored population one by one followed, and in proportion to the numbers that did follow, values declined.

"This situation continued until the colored residents forced themselves as far as Fourteenth Street. Some thought that surely the movement would then stop. But no; ambitious ones of the lot dreamed of blocks beyond, and so the favored and prominent and socially inclined among them bought up to Sixteenth Street. At every step values went down. And so today it matters not where you may select to build your home or live it will be but a short time when the stability of prices will be shattered and the property values declined on the invasion of the colored population.

"There must be some consideration given to the question. Poor people, aye, even widows, who possess perhaps nothing but a home, have experienced their life savings sacrificed because some of the colored population bought and moved next door to them.

"Restricted areas for whites and colored make for the stability of values and the common contentment of both. Any other policy, such as we have experienced in Washington, breeds difference between the races, and makes not only for the insecurity and instability of property values, but estrangements and bad feeling.

"Why the business people and the residents of the District of Columbia remain silent I cannot understand. On the other hand, they endorse for high office men of the colored race who are the prime movers in that invasion, men who appear as lawyers in cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, to test the validity of restrictive ordinances. So I say that sometimes I cannot but feel aggrieved at the lack of interest upon the part of the District population in rendering some assistance to cure the evil." —Atlanta Independent.

Haven Chapel M. E. Church is engaged in a two weeks' spring revival. The meeting is being run by Rev. H. S. Kelly, pastor of South Side M. E. Church. He has preached some thoughtful and inspiring sermons as a result of which fourteen have been taken into the church. Rev. G. W. Williams is the shepherd of this flock, and seems to be in the hearts of his people.

As we go to press news came that Rev. S. J. Peay died Sunday, April 25. Rev. Peay was once the pastor of Pleasant Grove and Good Hope Circuits, C. M. E. Church.

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GOOD TIME HAD AT ENTERPRISE, MISS.

President H. R. Evans of H. B. A. No. 145 at Enterprise, Miss., and his good members, had a grand time on the fifth Sunday in April. Their annual sermon was preached by the General Secretary, Rev. R. L. Young. Rev. Young stated that he was physically weak and was not able to preach but was there because of promise.

Rev. D. H. Watson of Meridian was master of ceremonies. A splendid welcome address by one of the members, and a response by Mr. T. J. Dunlap were enjoyed very much.

A large number of H. B. A.'s from Meridian and other places were present. Some of the distinguished visitors were Mrs. R. L. Young, Mrs. D. H. Watson, Mrs. Trussell, president of No. 67, Rev. Cade, Rev. D. H. Watson, Mr. Frank Berry, Bourdeaux brothers' father, Mrs. Will Bourdeaux, Mrs. Freeman, D. B. Borders, president of No. 9, Derias Croft of No. 176, C. Hearns of No. 203, Deacon Davis of No. 67, and many others too numerous to mention. Messrs. Evans, Jordan, Milton and others saw to it that not a stone was left unturned.

The church was filled to its capacity. People came from every direction in cars, trucks, wagons, buggies and on foot. It has been quite a while since we have witnessed such a time. Mr. Milton and one of the ladies took a collection which amounted to $35.20. Four persons came forward and gave their names for membership.

The members had too much on the grounds to eat, a large quantity had to be carried back home.

Mr. Evans is a real man at the head of his lodge. He and his members put things over the top.

President English arrived a bit late, but he had a chance to put his finger in the pie dish.

We are just waiting for another invitation to Enterprise.

H. B. A. DEATH ROLL
(Tentative)

Nos. 1 and 2

1. Ed McShan, No. 9, died March 27, 1926. D. B. Borders, president, Meridian, Miss.

2. Georgia Burton, No. 96, died February 26, 1926. F. L. Key, president, Porterville, Miss.

3. Ben Harris, No. 28, died March 28, 1926. M. V. B. Pitts, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

4. Rosie Darden, No. 40, died March 18, 1926. Mrs. Hattie Smith, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

5. Mary Beals, No. 20, died March 15, 1926. Rev. M. S. Knott, president, Kewanee, Miss.

6. Thomas Lewis, No. 138, died April 26, 1926. Rev. I. P. Triplett, acting president, Brooksville, Miss.

7. Amanda Perryman, No. 110, died February 25, 1926. J. W. Smith, president, Meridian, Miss.

8. Lula Mae Wall, No. 72, died March 27, 1926. D. H. Watson, president, Meridian, Miss.

9. Buster Hussy, No. 147, died May 10, 1926. D. Russell, president, Meridian, Miss.

I want to ask that the representative of Thomas Lewis of No. 138 be present at the Board. Please do not send for your money, but come for it. I am asking the vice-president to notify the representatives to be present.

BOARDS Nos. 3 and 4

1. Francis Cook, No. 201, died February 16, 1926. Will Bradford, president, Heidelberg, Miss.

2. Estella Williams, No. 99, died March 1, 1926. W. M. Barnes, president, Seminary, Miss.

3. Rosie Brown, No. 159, died March 18, 1926. Jerry Lang, president, Langsdale, Miss.

4. Martha Ward, No. 145, died March 13, 1926. H. R. Evans, president, Enterprise, Miss.

5. Joe Willis, No. 103, died March 24, 1926. A. Evans, president, Sandersville, Miss.

6. Lawrence Smith, No. 165, died April 12, 1926. H. J. Green, president, Laurel, Miss.

7. Bettie Hayes, No. 167, died February 18, 1926. C. H. Jackson, president, Mendenhall, Miss.

8. Annie Sims, No. 218, died February 18, 1926. H. S. Jones, president, Kelona, Miss.

9. Henry Lamore, No. 145, died April 2, 1926. H. R. Evans, president, Enterprise, Miss.

10. Jessie Lott, No. 173, died April 15, 1926. Mrs. W. M. Magee, president, Quitman, Miss.

11. Fred Washing, No. 74, died March 18, 1926. R. D. Dunlap, president, Stonewall, Miss.

12. J. T. Hall, No. 120, died April 11, 1926. H. P. Hazzard, president, Poplarville, Miss.

13. Johnnie McMillan, No. 109, died May 1, 1926. Chas. Franklin, president, Laurel, Miss.

14. Nath Barnes, No. 57, died May 3, 1926. W. C. McLeod, president, Bassfield, Miss.

15. C. C. Wallace, No. 179, died April 26, 1926. C. C. Toliver, president, D'Lo, Miss.

We take this method of publishing our death roll. We find it necessary. There are two deaths that are questionable in this number, and we are still seeking information concerning them. There is one death that has occurred that is so questionable and doubtful that we are not publishing it at all. We are not satisfied as to the legality of said claim. We want to urge all presidents and members to help us keep the records straight.

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NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

I have sent out every person on my death roll except one from No. 70 at Complete, Miss., and it was too late to be paid off. Now, listen. If you have deceased members please notify me. As soon as I hear from you I will send you a death proof. If you write to me and I fail to send death proof you may know that I do not have your letter, or it could be that it is overlooked, therefore write me again. Be sure to know that your deceased members are recorded. Some of you wrote me at Kansas City, and if you did not address your letters correctly I failed to get them. As I have stated my books are clear with the exception of one death in District No. 2. Please look after your deceased members. It is not always your fault, neither mine, but both of us can keep the matter straight.

The H. B. A. Bars have just arrived. All presidents desiring bars may write me at once or get them at the Board. I have just ordered a new lot of badges, but they will not last long. It will be advisable to place your order at once.

I want to ask each president to bring just one subscriber for The Echo to the next Boards. Will you do that?

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

NOTICE!

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows:

Board No. 1 meets June 15, at Toomsuba, Miss., F. Ott, president.

Board No. 2 meets June 16 at DeKalb, Miss., with No. 85. W. L. McDade, president.

Board No. 3 meets June 23, at Stonewall, Miss., with No. 80. J. H. Drakeford, president.

Board No. 4 meets June 21, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, a few miles from Prentiss, Miss.

I want to ask the presidents of Nos. 85, 80 and Mt. Carmel to write me the exact place where the Board will be held in order that I may notify the people through The Echo.

All presidents are requested to collect $1.25 death claims and 15c dues. Total to be collected from each member, $1.40.

A few of the agents have organized lodges and have not sent the names and addresses of the presidents. Please remember that these lodges must report in the next boards. All agents are asked to see to it that these new lodges are notified.

We have a new lodge at Palmer Crossing, out from Hattiesburg, that has been organized more than three months, but is not yet recorded. Please remember that if anything should happen to any such members the Association is not and will not be responsible for such happennigs.

I wish to notify the president and members of No. 108 at Hattiesburg, Miss., that we are going to be compelled to take some action on those responsible for the December Board, 1925. We have waited long enough for settlement. It is our intention to do the right thing, and we want others to do the same by the Association.

Dear Readers: The General Conference, held at Kansas City, is now history. The session was a bit stormy and yet I think we had a splendid session. We did our best to represent ssippi. Of course we were physically weak and were not at all our best. Mrs. R. L. Young was one of the two official stenographers for the General Conference. A resolution presented by Revs. R. L. Young and H. B. Leach created a greater stir and more comment than any one resolution during the session. We elected no new bishops, created no new departments ,neither did we combine any—all of the bishops rotated. Bishop Elias Cottrell comes to Mississippi, while Bishop McKinney goes to Texas.

Mt. Olive, Miss., May 2, 1926.

Sister Jonsie McMillan of Mt. Olive, Miss., departed this life, May 2, 1926. She was a member of the H. B. A. at Laurel, Miss., where she lived at the time of joining the H. B. A., on account of her husband, who works for Mr. F. S. Senton, cotton buyer. She was buried at her home at Mt. Olive, Miss. H. B. A. No. 116 conferred upon her H. B. A. honors. The funeral was preached by Rev. Carter of Laurel. It was attended by a host of friends and relatives from Memphis, Columbia, Laurel, Collins and Hattiesburg, also from the surrounding territory. She leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Pall bearers were as follows: Homer Graham, Eugene Graham, Zep Magee, T. J. Jackson, Watson McNair, James Powell.

The deceased was a sister of Corbett Gardener, Memphis, Tenn.; Jamesie Gardener, Columbia; Ester Comes, Columbia, Josephine Bell, Columbia; Willie Gardner, mother; Nora Cole, aunt, Laurel; Cordia Sims, Laurel; Glorence Kelly, Carriere, Ellisville; Forest Nelson, Hattiesburg, brother-in-law; Alma Collins, niece, Laurel; Frances Magee, aunt, Laurel.

Yours truly,
J. H. JACKSON,
President No. 116,
Mt. Olive, Miss.

A report of $6.25 was received from Willie Roby, president of H. B. A. No. 185.

CRANDALL DOTS

Crandall, Miss.

No. 123 (Easter) is yet alive, from the effects of reading The Echo and the just ruling and smiling appearance of our president, Sister Annie Slay, six new members were installed on our last meeting night.

Our Worthy Agent was with us, Rev. Pringle, and made things grand. He means to eat further down on the hog than his jowl. Alabama says come over and help her.

Rev. Ed Dunn was put on the official staff last election. His home is in Alabama.

Mrs. Minnie Odis Campbell and children, Agnes and Edward Louis, were vistiing her parents, S. L. and B. E. Donald, the third Sunday.

Rev. Edwards, P. E., was out to hold his quarterly conference the first Sunday, but it was a flash somehow.

BOOSTE.

Crandall, Miss., May 24, 1926.

Dear Editor: We wish to let the public know that our pastor, Rev. Kelley, filled his appointment at Morning Star Church on the fourth Sunday, and gave all to know that the new birth was what was needed in our people for that was the sure route to heaven.

After the morning service he omitted evening preaching and took with him Deacons McRae and Griffin, Prof. S. L. Donald and others on a 12-mile hike to visit Deacon Thomas Cook of Melvin, Ala. Oh! what a sight. On arrival at Bro. Clark's home (such a nice one). For eight months he has been on the sick list, and cars and trucks were blocked out and the place lined with his many friends from far and near to cheer and give comfort and consolation.

Brother Tilman Howard of Mt. Moriah (Melvin) with his Sunday School, and Brother Davis of Stonewall, Miss. conducted the choir to sing for Bro. Cook.

"Don't Forget the Family Prayer" and "We Shall Live Again," were two of the favorite songs sung, and it was just grand.

Brother Cook is a great songster and church worker, and his religion, to my knowledge of 40 years, proves to fit wherever it hits. He was up stirring, but was very feeble.

Sister McRae, vice-president of No. 123, was there representing the H. B. A. by precepts and examples, and oh, how Bro. Cook enjoyed us in his feeble condition.

You will please note that as long as you keep Sisters Slay, McRae and Annie Moss, treasurer, at the head of the H. B. A. it will not suffer, for they stand ready to give you proper instruction along H. B. A. lines.

A stunt for the next issue—Look!

BOOSTER.

Carmichael, Miss., May 11, 1926

Rev. R. L. Young, G. S.: Dear sir. This comes to say that I was with Lodge No. 151, DeSoto, Miss., the first Sunday in May. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Smoot, their pastor, and a grand lecture by Rev. Ray. We certainly enjoyed being with No. 151. I also added seven new members to No. 151.

Yours truly,

REV. C. L. PRINGLE,
Agent.

The H. B. A. lodge at DeSoto, Miss. celebrated its third anniversary the first Sunday in May, in St. John M. E. Church.

Rev. J. C. Smoot preached the anniversary sermon from the twenty-seventh verse of the first chapter of Philippians, and Rev. Ray lectured on the origin and benefits of the Association. Rev. Pringle, the agent, and his wife, were present and gave some very helpful advice. Visiting members from the lodges at Quitman and Spring Hill joined with us in the occasion.

Five persons applied for admittance, and since that time have become members.

The meeting was largely attended by old and young.

ROSIE HAYDEN, Reporter.

Rev. M. S. Knott, president of No. 20, was in our office a few days ago. Rev. Knott was all smiles. He is still looking for a certain half. We think Rev. Knott is a real man, and will grace some good woman as a husband for the home. Quite a few of the ladies have their eyes on him, and I think one has her hands on him. Look out, Rev., you will be in Hawk's hand if you don't mind.

Waynesboro, Miss.

Rev. R. L. Young: Please let this appear in The Echo, just a few lines to let the members of the H. B. A. know that No. 225 is moving on. Our way has been very dark, but thank God the light has come. We have made three members and are going to have a rally the fifth Sunday in May. And, too, in reading The Echo to the members of No. 225, stating that Mrs. R. L. Young won the second prize in the Christian Index popularity contest, it made our hearts rejoice, and beyond that to know that she is not discouraged to continue in this work. I pray for her a great success.

Yours very truly,

ELLA RICHEY, Sec.

Dear Readers: This is to let you know that Brother S. E. Hayden's house was burned, April 26, at DeSota, Miss. He will thank you for any help.

REV. C. L. PRINGLE,
Agent.

Mrs. Foster of No. 69 has departed this life. She was the daughter of I. English.

We have two deaths in Nos. 1 and 2 instead of one.

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JUMPS FROM THIRD FLOOR OF HOSPITAL

A coroner's jury is investigating the death of Rev. William W. Lucas, 56 years old, prominent Methodist minister, who died Thursday night, May 20, at Provident Hospital following his fatal leap from a third story window of his ward, May 18, at 3:00 o'clock in the morning.

No witnesses, not even the widow, Mrs. Ida Lucas, appeared at the inquest held at Kersey, McGowan & Morsell's morgue, 3515 Indiana Ave., to answer the question of whether the minister's leap was a deliberate suicide attempt or he was mentally deranged.

Rev. Lucas, former pastor of Institutional A. M. E. Church, Chicago, and of Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, Evanston, was brought to the hospital May 14, by his physician, Dr. T. K. Lawless. He was said to be in a mentally deranged state.

When asked by a Defender reporter concerning the nature of the minister's illness, his physician declared: "I don't know anything about it." His widow at 3718 South Parkway, refused to be interviewed.

The same mysterious reticence prevailed at the hospital, but it was learned from Miss Inez Crawford, nurse on duty in his ward, that Rev. Lucas was never at himself from the time he entered the hospital until his fatal three story leap four days later. The nurse said she had just left his bedside about 15 minutes before he arose, went into the bath room and leaped through its window. The coroner will resume his investigations of the minister's death and the strange silence surrounding it on May 27.

During his ministerial career, Rev. Lucas rose to prominence both in the M. E. Conference, where he was formerly connected, and in the A. M. E. connection. He was born at Macon, Miss., in 1879, and graduated from Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., in 1888, and from Gammon Theological Seminary a year later. He then took a post-graduate course at Boston University.

He married Miss Ida Estelle Hill of Winstead, Conn., in 1901. Later he became a member of the Mississippi Conference of the M. E. Church and was a delegate to the world's missionary convention which convened in Edinburg, Scotland, in 1910. For two years he was secretary of the Stewart Foundation of Africa; principal of the Meridian Academy of Meridian, Miss., two years; field secretary of the board of foreign missions of the M. E. Church three years, and was assistant general secretary for Colored conferences and of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church since 1912.

Rev. Lucas was instrumental in the election to the bishopric in the M. E. Church of Bishop R. E. Jones, the first member of the Race to achieve that distinction in the Methodist Episcopal Church. After that, because of certain conditions which arose, Rev. Lucas left the M. E. ranks and affiliated himself with the A. M. E. conference two years ago.

His first appointment was Institutional A. M. E. Church, 38th and Dearborn Streets, to which he was assigned by Bishop Gaines in 1924.

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JUNE BOARD A MARKED SUCCESS—REACHED $6,372.63

As the Holbrook Benevolent Association tramps with a steady and firm tread she still marches to victory. Never in the history of her existence has she done the work that she did in the past Boards. We raised more money than ever before, notwithstanding our assessments have been as high as $1.60 per member in Districts 1 and 2, and $1.50 in 3 and 4, whereas our June assessment was $1.40 in all districts. Our quarterly dues have greatly increased. At this particular time the Association is in better condition from every angle than she has ever been in its history. We have more property, more money, more publicity, more local lodges and local presidents, and more members than H. B. A. history records. We should feel justly proud of the Association and of ourselves.

On June 15 we were at the old historic spot, East Pleasant Grove, at Toomsuba, Miss. Mr. Floyd Ott is the energetic and never failing president. Ott is a man among men. He has been at the head of his lodge since its beginning. His number is 21, and now we have more than 241. It is useless to say that Ott and his members took care of the situation that is their middle name. A certain general officer ate so much that he could not eat the next day. Mrs. Ann Cameron, one of the old founders, a member of H. B. A. No. 4, was present and made a timely speech to the Board.

The General President called for the undertakers to come forward and address the body. Mr. Frank Berry delivered a timely speech. Mr. Strayhorn was called for, but he was out of doors and failed to make his appearance. All of us were expecting to hear from Mr. Strayhorn since this was his first time to meet the Board since he has been in the undertaking business. We do not want the readers to get the idea that we want people to follow us up and make speeches for the pecuniary profits, and yet the expression made by Mr. Berry that day is quite true. He said that "each dog had to wag his own tail or there would be but a little wagging done."

Mr. Will Bourdeaux arose and thanked the presidents and members for their support. He made mention of the fact that through the Association he had been able to send his son to the Cincinnati Embalming School, and he now holds his diploma from that institution.

On the 16th we were in a new field and at a new place. For some time W. L. McDade has been crying for the Board. Well, he had it, and he and his people did not leave a stone unturned. We have found McDade to be a fine sort of a fellow thus far, and we truly hope that he will continue. It would have been all o. k. if the Board had been voted back to DeKalb. We need a few more men like McDade. May his tribe increase.

When the Boards of 1 and 2 were over we had raised over $2,000. We paid off nine claimants in 1 and 2. To each we paid $201.10 with two or three lodges absent. Yes, boys, we are IT. We had two local presidents at the Board with their membership that left us and went to the C. B. A. They have come back home. Just keep quiet, boys, I know some more that are coming. You need not ask them to come, they will do that themselves.

On Monday, June 21 we were at Prentiss, at Mt. Carmel Baptist church, of which the Reverened J. C. Wells is pastor, and Mr. Hall is local president. To describe the doings of this Board is more than I can do. Boys, all I can say is this: We had it, we had it. The Wells and Foxes are indescribable. Rev. Wells presented a glee club and the members sang to the satisfaction of the body. We are now ready to go back to Mt. Carmel.

On Wednesday the 23rd we were at Stonewall, J. H. Drakford, local president. The Board was held at our friend, Rev. W. L. Mills' church. Rev. Mills was present, but we were so busy that day that we did not have time to introduce our visitors. Drakford has long wanted the Board. We must confess that he and his people know just what to do with a Board. If you do not believe what I say, let's go back one more time. The Dunlap brothers were present and did all they could to help make things pleasant.

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NOTICE!

The H. B. A. Convention will convene at St. James A. M. E. Church in Meridian, Miss., July 27 and 28, 1926. I have sent out Convention report blanks to all local presidents. If any one has failed to get his blank please write for one. We will issue all bond interest checks at the Convention.

All presidents have been requested to collect 3c from each of your members and report same at the Convention. Please have them understand that every one must pay the 3c, no one omitted.

Each lodge must send its president or some one appointed by the president. Should any lodge fail to do this it must have its report sent to the office not later than July 26.

The law provides that the lodge failing to report will be fined $5.00. We are planning to have a big time at the Convention.

The Convention will be entertained by President I. English and his members of No. 69. All neighboring lodges are asked to assist them.

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WHY DO WE HOLD BOARDS?

A few days ago I had two letters from two of my friends concerning $1.50. In Districts 1 and 2 most of the representatives did not come for their money. Some of them sent word for me to send it to them. I did so and charged them $1.50 for handling $201.10. I sent them checks for $199.60, and I kept $1.50. The president as well as those being paid objected, and asked that I send the $1.50 —this I objected to and did not do. I was told in one letter that I was being paid to worry with our folks after they die, that is true in a way, and again it is not. The Association does not pay me one cent to collect death claims and send it to the representatives. For the good of those who do not know this, I want to ask you to read the constitution on page 4, section 3, and there you will find the duty of the general secretary. Read page 5, section 7, and you will see the duty of the general board.

Whenever money is turned over to me for undertakers and representatives, I am held responsible for it. In the March Board $1,500.00 was turned to me and somehow, I do not know, I lost between $70.00 and $90.00, and I had to make it all good. I want all concerned to clearly understand that if you depend upon me to look after your business in order that you may save time and money, I am going to charge you for it. If you can get some one else to do it for nothing, I will like it better because I don't want to be worried with your business, but if I must do it you must do it, too. If it happens that we fail to pay you all that is due you on a certain day, I will not charge you, but when you don't show up at all, look out. Every one knows that one and two pays off on the second day's session, then why not come for your money or send some one. If you are going to turn all the money over to me why hold boards? If that is what we are going to do we had better cut out boards and let the money be sent to the secretary and he will issue checks for same.

The life of the H. B. A. has been through the board system, but since the people of one and two are all sending for their money, let's stop the boards It is a bit strange that some people do not have time to attend to their own business and then want some one else to do it for nothing. Some of our folks have a plenty of "I thank you" but no "here is your pay."

SECRETARY.

Dear Editor: Please let the people know that No. 96 got her five members in the 90-day drive. We made 12 new members instead of five.

F. L. KEY, President.

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let the readers know that the eighth day of May was a big day at Marion, Miss. We were busy putting the C. B. A. back to H. B. A. We put 32 members back with J. M. Russell as president of No. 25.

D. H. WATSON, Agent.

Rev. R. L. Young has been invited to Magee, Miss., to preach an anniversary sermon for the Masonic order at Magee. Rev. Young was the pastor at Magee in 1924. He is delighted to return for this special occasion.

We announced 15 deaths through The Echo, but through a mistake we had one, Mrs. Katie Wilson of No. 108 at Hattiesburg, Miss., with Mrs. Mattie Nichols as president. Mrs. Wilson died in February, and since she was not in the list we added her at the Board. We thought that we would not be able to pay Nath Barnes of No. 57 at Bassfield, but we have paid it to W. C. McLeod. We have paid 16 claimants in Nos. 3 and 4 $221.48 each.

The following amounts were raised:

Back Claims	$ 76.00
Building fund	75.00
Bond	220.00
Echo publication, etc.	20.00
Public collection	12.00
Dues	616.85
Death claims	5,352.78
Grand total	$6,372.63

The following are the reports from local lodges. It will be remembered that some of these reports are now on hand and are not included in the amount paid out. The presidents did not send them in on time, therefore they will come in as back money. We publish the report because they have paid for publication. If in the event you find an error, or your lodge does not show up in the list, please notify me and I will gladly correct same.

No.—	Dues.	Death.	Back.
1	$ 4.90	$ 41.25	$
2	6.90	58.75	
3	3.90	33.75	
4	5.40	46.25	
5	1.35	12.50	
8	.90	8.75	
9	3.90	33.75	
11	5.85	50.00	
18	2.10	17.75	
19	2.85	25.00	
20	5.55	47.50	
21	7.20	61.25	
22	4.35	37.50	
23	15.00	126.25	
25	1.95	17.50	
27	4.50	38.75	
28	7.35	62.50	
30	8.25	70.00	
31	5.25	45.00	

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No.—	Dues.	Death.	Back.
32	2.85	25.00	
33	6.00	51.00	2.50
39	7.35	62.50	2.50
40	5.25	45.00	
42	3.90	33.75	
44	1.65	15.00	
45	3.30	28.75	
49	1.80	16.25	
50	3.15	27.50	
52	5.25	45.00	1.25
53	1.80	16.25	
54	1.05	10.00	
55	1.55	22.50	
56	2.25	20.00	2.50
57	18.15	152.50	
58	3.00	26.25	
60	1.05	10.00	
61	2.40	21.25	
62	2.70	23.75	
63	2.55	22.50	
64	8.55	72.50	
66	1.50	13.75	
67	3.15	50.00	
70	5.10	43.75	2.50
71	6.30	53.75	3.75
72	6.75	57.50	
74	3.75	32.50	
75	1.50	13.75	1.25
76	4.35	37.50	
77	2.70	22.50	
79	3.60	31.25	1.25
80	6.90	58.75	
82	11.55	97.50	4.00
85	4.05	35.00	
92	4.50	38.75	
93	5.40	46.25	
94	2.40	21.75	
95	7.35	62.50	
96	5.85	50.00	2.50
98	3.30	28.75	
99	6.00	51.25	
100	1.50	13.75	
102	9.30	78.75	2.50
103	2.25	20.00	
105	4.95	42.50	
106	1.80	16.25	
108	7.05	60.00	1.25
109	1.35	12.50	
110	3.60	31.35	
111	1.05	10.00	
112	1.95	17.50	
113	1.65	15.00	
114	.60	6.25	
115	4.65	40.00	
118	4.05	35.00	
119	10.50	88.75	
120	5.25	45.00	
121	2.10	18.75	
122	2.55	22.50	
123	6.45	55.00	
125	2.25	20.00	
127	11.70	98.75	
130	7.05	60.00	
131	1.20	11.25	
132	4.20	36.25	
133	4.20	36.25	
133	16.65	140.00	
135	.90	8.75	
136	2.55	22.50	
138	.15	1.25	
139	2.40	21.25	
140	.90	8.75	
141	3.75	32.50	
145	6.15	52.50	2.80
146	3.45	30.00	
147	.60	6.25	
148	1.95	17.50	
151	4.20	36.25	1.25
152	4.65	40.00	
153	4.50	38.75	
156	1.05	10.00	
157	1.80	16.25	.85
158	3.60	31.25	
159	2.40	21.25	
160	8.85	75.00	
161	.45	5.00	
162	.30	3.75	
163	2.25	20.00	
165	5.25	45.00	1.25
166	2.25	20.00	
167	3.30	28.75	
173	5.85	50.00	2.50
176	1.50	13.70	
177	5.85	50.00	
178	1.80	16.25	
179	4.50	38.75	
180	1.65	15.00	
181	7.05	60.00	
183	1.20	11.25	
185	.45	5.00	
186	.90	8.75	
189	9.45	80.00	
190	7.95	67.50	
192	1.35	12.50	
193	3.30	28.75	
194	2.70	22.50	
195	6.15	52.50	
196	4.05	35.00	1.25
197	.30	3.75	
198	3.30	28.75	
199	3.15	28.75	2.50
200	5.40	46.25	
201	3.90	33.75	
202	1.35	12.50	
203	2.10	18.75	
204	.60	6.25	
207	2.75	23.75	
210	1.80	16.25	
212	2.40	21.25	
213	11.40	96.25	
214	1.95	17.50	
215	3.00	26.25	
217	2.40	21.25	
218	2.55	22.50	
219	1.65	15.00	1.25
220	1.65	15.00	
221	2.25	20.00	
222	3.75	32.50	
224	.75	7.50	1.25
225	1.20	11.25	
226	1.65	15.00	
228	3.15	27.50	
229	2.55	22.50	
230	3.60	31.25	
231	3.15	27.50	
232	3.15	27.50	
233	4.65	40.00	
234	2.25	20.00	
235	.60	.25	
236	2.25	20.00	
237	2.70	23.75	
240	2.10	18.75	
241	.60	6.25	

We regret very much to know that Mrs. Hattie Smith, president of H. B. A. No. 40, has lost her mother. The Echo wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family in this great loss.

Rev. J. B. Peters was in our office a few days ago. He brought hearty greetings from Waynesboro, the hot bed of H. B. A.'s.

NOTICE!

The General President wishes to announce that the drive is now over. All persons sending for policies and bond fee will please collect $1.55 from said member. Send to the office $145; $1.25 for his bond and 20c for his policy. Please remember that no more policies are to be issued for $1.10. The joining fee is 75c until the Convention, after the Convention it will be $1.00.

Dear Presidents: I wish to thank those of you who heeded our call in the last Board for new subscribers. Quite a number of you brought from one to three new subscribers. I am now appealing to each president to bring at least one to the Convention. The president bringing the highest amount over $3.75 will get two H. B. A. badges for his members; the president who brings the highest amount over $2.50 will get one badge. I am going to buy the badges and give them to you myself. If any president raises as much as $7.50 for new subscribers, I will give you three badges. I am doing this to increase our H. B. A. readers. I have quite a few people on my list that have never paid anything for the paper. I am still mailing it to you. You did not ask me to send it, but you see we are good friends, and I am trying to get you to subscribe. Let's do our best for the Convention. Who will lead?

We have not had a good agent for the paper since the death of Prof. A. Buckley.

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

The pastor and members of Leach's Chapel at Collins, Miss., will begin their revival on the first Sunday in July. A big time is expected.

Rev. E. F. Young is to preach an annual sermon for the H. B. A.'s at Crandall, Miss., on the second Sunday in July. If no mistake he is to be with Mrs. Annie Slay, No. 123.

Rev. R. L. Young is to preach an annual sermon for H. B. A. No. 153 at DeSoto, Miss., on the second Sunday in July. Prof. W. A. Pickett is the local president.

CRANDALL DOTS

June 10th, 1926.

Mr. Echo:—

The public will be glad to know that the churches are on the boom. Children's Day was held the first Sunday at Shady Grove Church, and Rev. Pow gave all to know they must come by him and the result was $34.

The children's exercises was grand. Mr. Miller, Rev. Pow and Prof. Donald talked to the children on "Future Efficiency."

Mrs. Jennie McRay gave encouraging remarks. Sister McRay has just returned from the commencement of Tougaloo College where her son, Mr. Molett Hopkins, finished high school. On her way home she visited Mrs. Mary Cade of Jackson, Miss., (old friends and playmates). She took her out to view the metropolitan city of which she highly enjoyed.

Rev. Pringle, agent, passed through looking after the H. B. A.'s interest.

Sister Slay of No. 123, reports six new members this month. She says all six proved to be good men and women. Mr. E. D. Murphy was one of the number. Mr. Murphy is one of our progressive men. He has just bought a tract of land and built a nice bungalow house, and it's a beauty, too.

As usual, Sister Slay met her lodge with smiles, and peace and good will prevailed throughout the meeting, and all were invited to an entertainment at her home on the 19th inst.

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GIVE US MEN

Give us men!
Men from every rank,
Fresh and free and frank;
Men of thought and reading;
Men of light and leading;
Men of loyal breeding,
The Church's welfare speeding;
Men of faith and not of fiction,
Men of lofty aim in action.
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

Give us men!
Strong and stalwart ones;
Men whom highest hope inspires,
Men whom purest fires,
Men who trample self beneath them,
Men who make their country wreathe them
As her noble sons,
Worthy of their sires;
Men who never shame their mothers,
Men who never fail their brothers;
True, however false all others,
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

Give us men!
Men who when the tempest gathers
Grasp the standard of their farthers
In the thickest fight;
Men who strike for home and alter
(Let the coward cringe and falter),
God defend the right!
True as truth though low and lonely
Tender as the brave are only;
Men who tread where saints have trod,
Men for country, home and God;
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

Selected.

TAKING CARE OF THE BODY

Why should you worry from day to day
When you know what's best and should go that way;
To care for the body and wear some clothes,
You'll last much longer, as everyone knows?

Yes, right is right, and right is no friend to wrong.
The women these days all want to look neat,
With little short dresses and slippers on their feet;
With silk stockings on and their hair all bobbed
They're hurrying along to sleep under the sod.

Yes, right is right, and right is no friend to wrong.
Whether the sun shines or we see falling hail,
Just dress from your head to your big toe nail;
If you don't, they may start for you that song,
"You don't look right, without your clothes on."

Yes, right is right, and right is no friend to wrong.
Then, too, just as sure as you do get sick,
You'll tell your mother that you've been tricked,
When it's not a thing but a very bad cold
That you have caught from not wearing clothes.

Yes, right is right, and right is no friend to wrong.
Now I'll tell you women what you'd best choose:
Just lengthen your dresses and put on some shoes;
Then when summer has come and winter has gone,
Go buy some slippers and put silk stockings on.
Yes, right is right, and right is no friend to wrong.

—James Thomas Jones.

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Rev. R. L. Young preached the anniversary sermon for the Masons at Magee, Miss. On the 1st, Saturday in July, a splended time was had. Many of our friends who had planned to be present could not be present because of the death of Miss Ellen McNair, a member of Goodwater C. M. E. Church. Mr. D. L. Funches and W. J. Rankins had charge of the Masonic affairs. Mr. Funches is W. M. while Mr. Rankins was master of ceremonies, Mrs. T. Jones and Mrs. D. L. Funches had charge of refreshments.

Mrs. McNair was burried Saturday 4:00 p. m. by her expastor Rev. Young.

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CONVENTION NOTICE

The Convention of the H. B. A. will conveine July 27, 28, 1926, at St. James A. M. E Church on Davis St. 38 Ave. Presidents and Delegates will not have to pay board and yet we want to urge that each president and delegate bring enough spare change to give your mistress a nice tip as you know, the people of the city cannot do what we good rural people can do.

We ask this at the repuest of the President and members of No. 69. The Convention will open at 10:00 a. m. Wednesday 27, all presidents who do not motor in their cars will come by the way of the N. E; M. & O; A. & V; Southern and A. G. S. Tuesday night,and reach Meridian Wednesday Morning before day. Should any one, getting in a bit early, desire a good hotel to spend the rest of the night. You may go to Beals Cafe and Hotel. Mr. Beal is a member of the H. B. A. and will be glad to render you the best of service.

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NOTICE

All Delegates who plan to attend the Convention will please write the secretary a card at once. This applies to those who do not have homes nor friends with whom they plan to stop. Be sure to write in order that your home will be secured. If you fail to write you may have trouble in getting a place to stay, you will remember we have over 200 delegates that may attend.

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The rally at Leache's Chaple, Collins Miss was a success. The five captains did exceptionally well. The preaching was done by Revs. N. McLaurin A. Wheeler, Posey, and Morris, all of the brethern preached splendid sermons and added great aspiration to the ocasion. The following is the result of the work of the captains.

Mrs M. A. Buchanan $6.42, Mrs. Hattie Jones $4.75, Mrs. Willie L. Jones $6.46, Mrs. Zettie M. White $6.10, Mrs. Pope Sims $9.19 total $32.92.

The pastor, Rev. R. L. Young began a four nights meeting. Sunday night we had a real spiritual awakeing. Rev. Young preached Sunday night, Rev. Jenkins one of our good baptist ministers preached Monday night, Rev. E. W. Washington C. M. E. preached Tuesday night, Rev. H. B. Leach preached Wednesday night,

The meeting was well attended and all of the preachers preached splendid sermons We have never been in a meeting where Methodist, Baptist and Saints worked together with a more co-operative spirit; Our Baptist deacons, such as Bros. Monrow, Boykins and others whose name we do not have, stood by us to the last. All of us lost sight of our denomination and went to work for the master. Our church was greatly revived, One soul added and $50.02 raised.

The meeting closed down in a storm. Sisters Blue, Buchanan Morris Jackson, and Langston all of the Baptist church, played a conspicious part in our meeting. The names mentioned are just a few who helped us. Sister Green of the Saints church was present also sister Brady, their singing was exceptional.

H. B. A.No.69 reported in June $5.85 dues and $50.00 death claimes.

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We are glad to publish news from all of the local lodges all over the state but when ever the news is not plainly written so we can read it, we cannot publish it. We want to ask that news for publication be written on ink tablets. If possible use ink, if not write wtih a good writing led pencil.

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The following members of the H. B. A have died since the last assessment was insued.

Districts 1 and 2:

1—Candis Jones No. 70, died May 21, 1926, Tom Smith president, Complete Miss.

2—Corena Foster No. 69; died May 21, 1926. I. English president, Meridian, Miss.

3—Kattie Mitchell No. 31. died June 21 1926. S B. Bell president Cuba, Ala

Districts 3 and 4:

1—Bruce Graves No. 57. died May 29, 1926. W. C. McLeod president Bassfield, Miss.

2—Jennie Morgan No. 102; died June 22, 1926. Mrs. L. J. Hall president Hattiesburg, Miss.

3—M. J. Jones No. 165. died June 24, 1926. H. J. Green president, Laurel, Miss.

4—P. Buchanan No. 133. died May 7, 1926. W. J. Rankins President Magee, Miss.

Presidents will see to it that your deceased members are in the above list. Secretary.

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Enterprise, Miss.

Rev. R. L. Young:

Dear Editor: Our H. B. A. lodge No. 141. (St. Joseph) had its annual sermon preached the fourth Sunday in May, in new Hope church, by Rev. J. W. James, pastor of the M. E. church at Quitman.

The Rev. preached an interesting and inspiring sermon, which was enjoyed. We want Rev: J. W. James to visit us again.

President H. R. Evans and members, also president Derias Croft par-

ticipated with us on this grand occasion. A large congregation was present and shortly after noon a beautiful repast spreaded, which was eaten and enjoyed by all.

One member was added and we raised $19.86. I am glad to say that No. 141. is progressing nicely.

Arthur Price, Local President

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Dear Editor: Just a few lines to let you and the readers know that the H. B. A. at Maxie, Miss. had a splendid annual sermon a few days ago. The weather was not so pleasant and yet we had a splendid time The welcome address by sister Naomie Lucla was grand. It attracted the attention of every body in and out of doors. The Vice President delivered a grand address. Brc. J. H. Hezekiah was master of ceremonies Rev. A. Rodges preached the sermon He captivated the audience. His subject was: "As long as I am in the world I am the Light of the world"

Yours in the H. B. A.
J. W. Bryant, Pres.
H. B. Thermons, Sec'y.

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Maxie, Miss.

Dear Editor: Please let me have a few remarks thru the Echo for H. B. A. No. 45. We are moving along nicely, we have been blessed in that we have not had much sickness in our lodge. I would like to say that we must be true if we expect to go forward. May God Bless Revs. E. F. and R. L. Young. Their plans are great for the association.

Yours in H. B. A.
A. M. Walker,
Longstreet, Miss.

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HAS IT DONE GOOD?

For a number of years I, as Sec'y. have criticized our people of the H. B. A. for taking all they get out of the order to burry their relatives. At one time the Undertakers told me I had nothing to do with that, just let the people do what they want to do with their money. Well it did sound good when the statement was made, "Let them do as they please," but I knew that we had quite a few people who did not know what to do with their money. Has my fight done good? I will answer, Yes. More than four fifths of our people arebeing burried with less than $100.00. I have known the time when more than four fifths of our people are being burried $175.00 to 225.00 and some time more than that in funerals Have my preaching done good? In the last boards we had twenty-five claims to be paid and not more than two that had a funeral expense of $200.00 or more.

From what I can learn one of the two was able to do it, I do not know I have heard nothing said about it but I have heard quite a bit said about a member of No. 28 being put away very extravagant. My friends, as a rule, we poor folks are not able to have these expensive funerals. I know it costs more to be put away in the cities than it does in the country and yet I fear we go to the extreme.

We are not as bad as we use to be and yet we need to be a little more cautious. I know it is your money and you may do as you please with it but if we as a race ever expect to be recognized in the business world we must get some business in our heads and some money in the banks. We have more religion than any body and we have less business and money than any body. I know that we have done well for the past 60 years but just look over the field and see what is to be done by us as a race and nothing to do it with.

I want to urge the local presidents to assist their members in buying caskets etc.

If one Undertaker wants too much for his goods go to the next one and price his. The time has come for us as leaders to take a stand for our people, see that they are right and protect them. I love money, I want money and if I keep my health and strength, I am going to get it, unless there is none to be found, but I do not want it at an unjust expense of the other fellow. Some of us sing "You may have all the world but give me Jesus" I don't want all of Jesus I want the other fellow to get a part of Jesus again I do not want the other fellow to get all of the world. God did not intend such. He sent His son in the world for all of us, all of us have a claim on him. He made the world for no one man, no two men, nor set of men. The world was made for all man kind.

Not only for mankind but it was made for the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea, the beast of the forest and I am not going to give any body one part of mine, thinking that I will get all of the other. I can get along better with my part of Jesus and my part of the world than I can with what I think is all of Jesus and none of the world. I know there are people who have more of the world than others and it is also true that there are some who have more Jesus than others. Well I think that is natural, there may not be much wrong with that. You know some people can stand more of some things than others. That being true one fellow gets more of the world than the other the other gets more of Jesus than the one But listen friends, because you have more of one than I and I have more of the other than you does not altor the fact that each one has his part. The great trouble with our race is this we can stand a "heap " of Jesus and a small "jot" of the world.

Again I want to apeal to the presidents and members of the H. B. A. don't allow any body to fool you up and make you think you are a big Negro and should get the best in the shop. You "aint" no big Negro for we know you. It cost too much to wait until death comes to be a big Negro.

I am quite sure there will be some people who oppose what I have said but it is their privilage as much so as it is mine to say what has been said. To the H. B. A's. Stop, Look and listen. This is a sharp and dangeous curve and you may meet a fool around the corner."

R. L. Young.

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Dear Editor:-

Just a few lines to let the readers know that No. 196 is doing well. Rev. H. Ray was with us on the 1st, Sunday. We raised $28.00 and got three

applications. Rev. Ray preached a splendid sermon. He also lectured and gave some timely advice.

We are doing well. We have about $100.00 in treasure and all bills paid. We do not have all of the money but we have a little. Others are invited to do as we are doing.

A. Evans President
R. 3. Bx. 19 Waynesboro, Miss.

H. B. A. BUILDING NOTICE

Sometime ago I notified a number of the presidents about their bulding fee. I have found a few lodges that have not reported any thing since the last convention. This is to let you know that you and your lodge are suspended until said claims are paid. Some few lodges have paid a little. Every president and member to be in good standing is due to have paid 45c for the 1926 assessment. The presidents and members who have not done so are not in good and regular standing.

Should you loose members it is useless to send in the death notice. I have a list of the lodges that are behind and I shall read the list at the convention and I shall urge that each president who has allowed his lodge to drift along as such, be fined, together with his whole membership. I trust that those of you who have paid your building assessment for the year and those who are up to date will help us to put fines on presidents and members who have not complied with the law.

If it is fair for you to pay, why not all pay. Presidents lets see to it that every president and member is fined at the convention who is behind. We have just a few in this condition. The greater portion of our presidents have collected in full. Presidents of new lodges organized before the June Board are due 25c per member, presidents of lodges organized before the March Board are due to have paid 35c per member. All lodges organized before January 1926 are due to have paid 45c per member. Lodges organized since the Board in June are not due any thing. Some have paid the whole amount, 55c.

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It gives me pleasure to write the doings of president, W. A. Pickett and the members of No 153 at Desota Miss. On last Sunday about five of us motored to Desota, Sunday Morning and we were greeted with a good congregation. After prayer service the president presented Mrs. Pickett who delivered the welcome address. It was a splendid address. Prof Thos. Blakney president of No. 82. at Quitman, Miss. was called upon to respond to the welcome address. Prof. Blakney took care of the interest of the association, he is a splendid character and has one of the best lodges in No.3

The writer was introduced and a splendid service was had. We soon adjourned, had dinner and was back in the church for another sermon. We had a splendid time our hearts rejoiced while being visited by the spirit of God.

We took in seven application and raised more than $35.00. The visiting lodges were 95, 82 and 213. We are quite sure that the visit was of great help to the community. We had quite a few of our white friends to be present. President Pickett and his members are doing well. They are to meet Saturday night to collect their building fee and 3c convention tax.

We have an invitation to No. 95. for the 4th, Sunday in July.

Editor.

The following presidents of new lodgse with letters address to them have been return to me.

Mr. S. T. Smith
Newaugusta, Miss.
Mrs. Sarah Williams
Newaugusta, Miss.
Mr. W. J. Bethea
Gulfport, Miss.

The agents who reported these lodges will please get the correct address and send it to me.

R. L. Y.

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H. B. A. Convention Now History Holds Seventeenth Annual Session

The H. B. A. Convention for 1926 is now history. On Tuesday July 27, the many delegates had assembled at St. James A. M. E. Church. Delegates from various parts of the state were present. At the proper time we were all in the church enjoying devine service. The Convention was well attended. Some of the presidents faild-de to be present but those who were present would not take $100.00 cash for their trip. A good impression was made by us. Some of the leading white people have been asking about the meeting. The meeting was one of peace and unity. Not a hitch nor complaint.

The meeting was filled with spiritual fervor. A lot of times it seemed as if we were in a big revival, instead of a Convention.

Rev. H. Ray preached the opening sermon. He set the house on fire and the fire continued to burn until the close. A splendid programme was rendered Tuesday evening. The reading by Miss Fannie Koger, the oration by Miss Effie Reese of Bassfield, Miss. were among the best. Mr. D. V. Johnson delivered a spendid address. The Welcome Address by Rev D. Todd, was splendid. There were other features about the programme that were exceptionally good. Mr. Fred Sherrod was master of ceremonies. The programme was highly enjoyed. After the program Rev. G. C. Wells of Sumrall, Miss. was introduced. Rev. Wells preached one of the best sermons we have heard for quite a while. It was our first time to listen to him. We must confess to the fact that Rev. Wells is an inteligent and forceful preacher. We need more of our leading men like Rev. Wells in the H. B. A. Rev. L. A. Lindsay was present and a number of times he was seen and heard on the floor, giving very wholesome and timely advise. Rev. Lindsay will not soon be forgotton from last year. It will be remembered that he preached the opening sermon in the Convention at Laurel, Miss. in 1925.

Rev. Barlow of Shubuta, Miss. was also present, Rev. Barlow prayed in the opening of our service on Tuesday night. The prayer was very touching and uplifting.

It was our desire to have Memorial service on Wednesday and we wanted Rev. Barlow and Rev. Lindsay to take charge of that service but we were pushed for time.

This was one of the best Conventions that we have ever witnessed. We were graced with quite a few visitors and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

It was announced that all delegates would go down on Wednesday morning and view and inspect our building At 8:00 a. m. the presidents and delegates were thickly congregated around our H. B. A. home. With much pride we boast of our property. There is nothing like it in the State of Mississippi. Why should't we be justly proud. The leading white people have met me on the street and in there office, stoped and praised the H. B. A., I was in the First National Bank a few days ago and one of the officers said the H. B. A. was the best thing he had ever seen of its kind. Go on H. B. A.'s you are worthy of great praise, I know you are not ashamed to be called an H. B. A.

The Johnson Printery located in the H. B. A. building is worthly of note. When you think of the fact that more than $6,000 dollars worth of machinery is installed in this building and all is operated by our folks we should be inspired to do more. Not only that but the Bourdeaux Undertaking Co., is located here, our office is here, and other parts are being rented.

Allow me to say just a few words about our loyal presidents and members. But before that lets look at president I. English, agent D. H Watson and their good members, as well as the rest of the presidents and members of the city. It goes without saying the Convention was well cared for. We shall never forget our visit to Meridian and No. 69. President English, we solute you, Watson, Clark, Trussell and all the rest, just do that once more.

I mentioned the loyalty of our presidents and members a bit ago. First of all is this, the majority of our followers have great confidence in us as leaders. The confidence of the people are unshaken. Would it not be a great tragedy if the president and Sec'y were to betray their trust? I mention these two because the safe keeping and safe guiding of this old ship rest in our hands.

We have been successfull in what ever we undertook to do. We have undertaken nothing that has caused the association to regret following our advise. We are studying day and night for the growth of the order and thus far we have not failed. When you think of the fact that less than two years ago we were split half in-two and now we are bigger than ever, you must remember it took pure men to hold this thing together. If you want to decide who were the stronger and who had the greatest executive ability, compare the C. B. A. and H. B. A., please do not understand me to criticize the other side, not that for one moment, but compare us, compare

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor:-

Just allow me a few words. Since our little H. B. A. band has been put together under the leadership of Rev. D. H. Watson, we have become to like it so well that we shall ever be members.

J. R. JORDAN, Pres.
Enterprise, Miss.

The Meridian District Conference of the C. M. E. Church assembled in its Annual meeting at Wiggins, Miss. July 22, 1926, with Rev. E. B. Blackman, P. E., presiding. Rev. R. L. Young was elected Secretary for the Conference. The people of Wiggins gave the ministers, delegates, and visitors a warm reception, and entertained them royally in their various homes. A collection of about $400.00 was taken during the meeting and many interesting sermons preached. Rev. J. R. Starks, Editor of the Western Index, and P. E. of the Dallas District, was present and made helpful talks. He preached the eleven o'clock sermon Sunday. Prof. W. R. Ramsey President of M. I. College, Holly Springs, Miss., was present and delivered a very timely address to the body Friday evening July 23.

Dear Editor:-

Please allow me short space in the Echo to let the many readers know that the H. B. A. is spreading like wild fire in and around Shubuta. The H. B. A. has had many knocks and hard bumps but she is still gaining, ground. Of all the societies that have been in Shubuta the H. B. A. is the best. Our lodge has 114 members in good standing. I hope that God will continue his rich blessings upon this order.

Yours for the order
Mrs. Carrie Curry No. 127

A HIGH DAY AT No. 123

Crandall, Miss. 7-11-26

Easter Lodge had planed to have its anniversary sermon preached the 2nd, Sunday in July. The Pres. Mrs. Annie Slay appointed Mrs. Jimmie McRae and Prof. S. L. Donald to assist in arranging the program, as follows: After opening as usual.

1.—Welcome in behalf of the H. B. A. Mrs. Jimmie McRae
2.—A double quartett led by Mrs. Lunie Moss.
3.—Welcome in behalf of Sister Lodges by Mrs. Sallie Pringle of No. 95. Response by Mr. C. M. Miller.
4—Welcome on behalf of the H. B. A. entering the joining State of Ala. by Mrs. Estilla Howard (of Mulvin, Ala.)
5.—Solo by Mrs. Ollie Marshall.
6.—Essay by Mrs. Sollie McClinton.
7—Welcome on behalf of the Church and public School by Prof. S. L. Donald.
8.—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Simpkin. It was fine.
9.—Collection from the public by Bros. Wm. Prigh, No. 95, C. M. Moss and Pres. Annie Slay, the amount of $16.80
10.—Dinner served by the H. B. A.'s free to the public.

The day was pleasant and the program was excellently rendered to the delight of the public.

The H. B.A.'s in their deliberation ruled no handling of refreshment on the Sabbath Day and impressed Christian Benevolent from a cheerful heart that it may be engendered into the minds and hearts of the people. The Sacredness of th Sabath.

But to the H. B. A.'s regret, Mr. Jas. Howard Steward, Class Leader and Trustee of the A. M. E. Church right in sight of the service on the Christian Sabath sold during the whole time.

We long to see the time when our Churches will elect Christian men and women in office that will regard the Holy Sabath and Christ's cause then the Church can save our young people from destruction.

It was said by one of the speakers that 4,000 years ago Africa was looked upon as the leading country and people of the world and owing to their disobediences to God's Sacred Law and disregarding His cause, brought about its downfall.

Mr. Tilmon Howard was up from Milvin, Ala. with his choir and they sang to our delight. Revs. Geo. Parish and Tilmon Howard both made good talks, Rev C. L. Pringle and wife were present and added much to the occasion.

BOOSTER

NOTICE

In the September Boards all local lodges will be requested to pay $2.00 for the publication of your report through the Echo and your subscription for the Echo. You will remember this amount is paid annually, in the first Boards after the Convention.

Please bear in mind that this amount must accompany your September report, excuses will not count. Without the $2.00 you cannot report.

The following are new laws passed at the Convention and it will be advisable for each president to clip these laws and put them in your Constitution:

1—All local presidents must Collect 55 cents from each member of the H. B. A. on December 1st, and foward same to the General Secretary not later than December 5th. This will be the last payment on the building assessment.

2—All funeral bills of the H. B. A. are to be paid through the office unless the relatives of the deceased pay cash for the funeral. All Undertakers will allow a ten cent discount to the Association, all local presidents will be given two per cent discount from the office. No more funerals will be on credit.

The president of the lodge to which the deceased was a member will forward the bill from the Undertaker and a death report blank for the deceased member.

3—A new District was created out of number three and four.

4—Any member who is more than 60 years of age cannot renew. The law which states that no person can join who is more than 60 years of age governs renewals as well.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor:-

This comes to let the readers know that H. B. A. No 33 is moving on nicely. Our annual sermon was preached on the 3rd, Sunday in July by Rev. J. D. Jones. We rendered a splendid program. Welcome Address by Mrs. Rebecca Williams responded to by Brother I. English of No. 69. Bro. English, agent D. H. Watson Brother John S. Beal, Mrs. M. Trussell and Mrs. D. H. Watson, as well as some others, played a conspicious part in our meeting. They helped to make it a success. After the programme Rev. Jones arose and took for a text "Feeding the five thousand." Those of us present acknowledge to the fact that the sermon was grand. Rev. D. H. Watson arose and opened the doors for the reception of new members, we added seven new members to the Association. Our collection was $13.80.

R. F. CLARK, Pres.
MRS. M. E. KNOX, Sec'y

H. B. A. DISTRICTS

Number three and four are divided into three parts or districts as follows

Old and New Enterprise and all lodges on the M. & O. R. R., all lodges east of the M. & O.; that is all lodges to the left going South on the M. & O. all lodges whose address is on the M. & O. will comprise District No. 3.

After leaving Enterprise all lodges on the N. O. & N. E; all lodges from Newton through Richton, Miss., all lodges in ,and around Hattiesburg Lumberton, Poplarville and as for as Carson, Miss. on the Mississippi Central will comprise District No. 5. All lodges below Carson on the Central, G. & S. I. or Illinois Central, Laurel Branch, Cohay Camp etc, etc., Will comprise District No. 4.

This division is some what tentative and a few changes may be made. If any one has some recommendation to make please notify me at once.

The following members have died since the last assessment was sent out:

DISTRICT 1, AND 2,

1—Candis Jones No. 70, died May 21, Tom Smith president, Complete, Miss.
2—Corena Foster No. 69, died May 21 I. English, president, Meridian, Miss.
3—Kattie Mitchell No. 31, died June 21, S. B. Bell president, Lauderdale, Miss.
4—Bethenia Petigrew No. 40, died July 11, Mrs. Hattie Smith president, Lauderdale, Miss.
5—C. Townsend No. 98, died July 17, M. Page President, Porterville, Miss.

DISTRICTS 3, 4, 5,

1—Bruse Graves No. 57, died May 29, W. C. McLeod President, Bassfield Miss.
2—Jennie Morgan No. 102, died June 22, Mrs. L. J. Hall president, Hattiesburg, Miss.
3—M. J. Jones No. 165, died June 42 H. J. Green president, Laurel, Miss
4—P. Buchanan No. 133, died May 7, W. J. Rankins President, Maghee, Miss.
5—Willie A. Carler No. 102, died July 7, Mrs. L. J. Hall president, Hattiesburg, Miss.
6—Henry Brooks No. 120, died June 24, H. P. Hazzard president, Lumberton, Miss.
7—George Jurry No. 127 died May 28 Mrs. Carry Curry president, Shubuta, Miss.
8—Ella Staten No. 130, died June 26, H. Hayes, president Shubuta, Miss.

NOTICE TO ALL PRESIDENTS

The joining fee is now $1.00 to all persons wishing to join the H. B. A., renewal fee is 75c and all claims due at the time the member became unfinancial.

All presidents who did not meet the convention nor send in their reports for the lodge must pay a fine of $5.00 and stand suspended until said fine is paid. Some of the presidents sent in their report blanks but failed to send the 3c per member. You and your lodge will stand suspended until you send the 3c per member.

Rev. H. B. Leach has just closed a sucessful revival at Zionell, His Stewards are seeing that every thing is carried out in the right way Tatum, Smith and others are on the job. The meeting was conducted by Rev. E. W. Washington.

The revival at Mt. Pleasant where Rev. R. L. Young is pastor will begin the 4th, Sunday in August. Rev. I. H. Jones of La., is expected to conduct the meeting. Rev. Jones is one of the best preachers in the C. M. E. Church, all are invited to attend. The stewards are making ready to raise the balance of their claims. The pastor is now conducting a Survey and all person who are not members of the church in that section are being enrolled, all persons who have their names on the roll but do not attend church are being enrolled, and all weak Christians are being enrolled.

H. B. A. CONVENTION NOW HISTORY

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us; the other side has not gained 300 members in these two years. The H. B. A. has gained more than 2,300. Give us a rap! Give us another one! And another! The General officers of the H. B. A. are Guns and all the memders are sons of guns.

This great success could not have been had if we had been short of two things; First: Safe leaders, men who were not money drunk, for what has been accomplished was at a great sacrifice. Have you thought of the fact that a split in the association meant a split in our salary? but what did we care about salary when the interest of the people was at stake. Away to the wind with the little salary, scater the salary to the four corners of the earth and let me work for my people. The people are looking, they are crying, they are seaching for leaders. Lets walk out on the mountain, down in the valley, in the fire and through the darkness for our people. We sometime complain about the folks will not do this nor that, it is the leaders. The folks will do if we lead a-right.

Second, our success can be attributed to the loyalty of our presidents and members. No better set of men and women can be found. It seems to be the desire of 99 per cent of our followers to follow us. I have thought quite seriously of a few statements made by some of the presidents at the convention. You remember the president recomended a new District. Quite a few arose and said that as for as they could see we did not need another district and did not want it and yet, since it would not hurt anybody, there was no principal involved and there was a possibility of a faster growth, and the Gen. President had a better knowledge of the conditions than they, they were willing to vote for it. It took nothing but loyal men and women to do that. I do not mean to say that those who voted against it were not loyal, they are loyal

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When ever a president sends for a policy we are going to send check for 20c. It will be payable at the Boards. No check will be cashed until the Boards meet in September, you are requested to save your checks until the Boards. Same applies to agents.

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but you know all of us cannot have the same degree of loyalty. We must acknowledge to the fact that it is no expense at all to the association but it is an expense to us as General Officers. It is going to cause all of us to put in more time if we do our duty. In a short while we will lose if we think of it from a pecunary standpoint. In a long run all of us will gain. The more members we have the better our salary. Then too, by dividing into five districts it means that we must go after the people.

If we go after the people they will take care of us. Let our aim be the people and then the peoples aim will be the leaders. I have been connected with the H. B. A. long enough to know what a fellow is after when he shall have gone some distance with us. Listen brethern, if we as leaders are not after the people "Be ware of the Ides of March."

Yes we have a loyal set of followers. We are now working out our fifth District, we are planing to put on drives in all districts all agents and presidents will be given prizes for their work. Lets prove to the assocoation that it was needful and helpful to create a new district.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor: Please allow me space to say that our Annual meeting on the fourth Sunday in June proved a success. Rev E. F. Young, General President preached a splendid sermon for us. Among the visitors were Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Watson, Mrs. M. A. Trussell and Mr. W. L. Bourdeaux. Rev. Watson served as Master of Ceremony.

J. M. RUSSELL, Pres.
Marion, Miss.

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A NEW LODGE ORGANIZED

Good morning H. B. A's, we are glad to meet you. This is H. B. A. No. 253 speaking to the readers of The Echo. Wednesday night August the eleventh, the above number was organized by me (General Secretary.) A few days ago I was telling a friend of mine about the growth of the H. B. A. He remarked as follows: "I don't care if you grow, just since you leave Lauderdale County to grow. We want Lauderdale." I went on for a day or two and paid no attention to the statment, but later on I began studying over the matter and I came to the conclusion, that would never do, so I began soliciting applications and in one week we had gotten more than forty applications. We organized this new lodge in Meridian, Mississippi, in Lauderdale County, in the H. B. A. Building, 2508 Fifth Street. I have organized quite a number of local lodges since I have been connected with the H. B. A., but never have I organized one that is more promising, and one with better material than No. 253 The weather was a bit unfavorable, and the rain caused a number of our people to fail to come, but we are going to install officers Wednesday Aug. 18th. We are going to have a big spread, a plenty of lemonade etc. free, and all H. B. A.'s are invited.

We are proud to say that we have a large number of professional men and young women and all will be an asset to the Association. It means something to organize an H. B. A. lodge in Meridian; it means that we are on the upward march; it means that the H. B. A. is on top, and where she leads others want to follow. Just to give the readers a faint idea of the class of men whom we have, I am here publishing names of each: Miss Lillian Larkin, Bookkeeper, Messrs. Geo. Miller, Barber, Ellis Washington, Embalmer, H. D. Hill, Barber, Dr. J. E. Majors Pharmacist, Messrs. Thomas Wallace, Tailor, W. C. Baity, Lynotypist, J. D. Digman, Undertaker, Geo. Brown, Taxi driver, J. M. Crawford, Tailor, A. L. Hill, Carpenter, J. J. Smith, Insurance Agent, Vanderbilt Price, Barber, Esau Thomas, Driver, Joe Beale Cashier, M. C. Amison, Driver, H. Crawford, Tailor, Rev. M. W. Wilson, Minister and Barber, Rev. H. B. Leach, Pastor, Dr. A. B. Blackwell, Dentist, Dr. J. D. Macon, M. D., Miss Velma Beale, Cashier, Mrs. S. C. Crawford, Housewife, Mrs. H. B. Leach, Housewife, Mrs. Nettie Majors, Housewife, and Trained Nurse, Mrs. H. Crawford, Housewife, Mrs. Marcelene Beale, Housewife. We are expecting thirty or forty on our last night.

The Officers elected are as follows: E. F. Young, Jr. President, Rev. M. W. Wilson, Vice-President, Miss Velma Beale, Secretary, Dr. J. D. Macon, Treasurer. Mr. Geo. Miller, Chaplain. The various committees will be appointed on Wednesday night by the President. The following visitors were present: Messers. Razzy, Fred, and Thomas Young Will Bourdeaux, Luther Smith, John S. Beale, Tom Jackson, President No. 111, Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Watson.

The obligation, pass and grip were performed by Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Watson. Very encouraging and helpful remarks by Drs. Leach, Blackwell, Macon, Wilson and others. We predict that this lodge will surpass any in Meridian or Lauderdale County.

FROM I. M. MARTIN, VIMVILLE MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Editor:

Since there were so many good things said at the Convention and so many more good things that could have been said I decided that I would save my say for a later date. The Convention is now history and I truly think we had a splendid session. I am quite sure that some of us met our last Convention. Mr. Editor I think we need three days to transact our business instead of two. This would give us more time to devote to religious service. I believe the songs, sermon and prayers go a long way in keeping peace and harmony in our association. Again I think we lose too much time taking in reports that could and should be taken in before the Convention meets. Our presidents should report dues, death claims and building fund at the proper time and not wait until the Convention to make these reports. I am the oldest local Pres. on the H. B. A. field and I have never brought any of my board reports to the Convention I am serving my 22nd year as local president and I have sent only one report to the Convention; I have gone and carried 21 reports to the Convention. For 17 years I have met all of the Conventions. Seventeen years ago E. F. Young and I were elected to the office that we now hold. I have made my annual report and it has been indorsed as being correct by the auditing committee, not only that but the Insurance Dept. of the State has indorsed my records as being correctly kept. I think that is very good, I dont know what all of you think. Some thought this was the time to make a change but this was not the time neither the place, wait until the time and you can tell what you think. I think if you can find one to be honest, can do better than I by the Association you should give such person my position.

Some of my good friends seem to think that the Association is paying me too much for my service. Well for these 17 years since Young has had it I have followed her up, I was

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Mrs. R. L. Young.

Carmichael, Miss. July 25,-1926

Dear Editor:-

Just a few words to let the readers know that Lodge No. 95 had our annual sermon preached the 4th Sunday in July, our program was rendered as following: Prayer service conducted by Bro. Ike Williams, which was very touching with the Holy Spirit. Welcome Address Miss Helen Parker. Responded by Mr. Mase Miller. Song Mrs. Annie Bivine. Paper by Mrs. Jannie McRays, of No. 123. Sub- "True leadership." Response Prof. S. Donald of No. 123, Mrs. Annie Slay Pres. of No. 123 was with us and made some timely remarks, we were blessed with a host of visitors. Rev. J. M. Moore Pres. of No. 119, and Mr. M. H. Nicholson Pres. of No. 140, also visiting members from No. 153, No. 130, No. 159, and No. 82. Bro. An drew Shaw came before us with a few words of welcome to all H. B. A.'s Bro. Shaw is not a member of the H. B. A. but he is a deacon of Kyser Hill Baptist Church, he said his heart was in the works of the H. B. A.

Song by Mrs. Addie Parker, Rev. C. L. Pringle Pres. of No. 95, took the floor and introduced the speaker for the day: Rev J. P. Simpkins, pastor of the church also a new member of the H. B. A. His text will be found in Eccl. 3rd chapter 2nd, verse. Subject "A time unto all things." Our hearts were made to rejoice as he preached us the pure word of God. The Holy Spirit was with us. Song by Mrs. Delia Burns, collection was $24.41.

Adjourn for dinner and we certainly enjoyed one of the greatest susprises of our life an old fashion dinner-dinner, I say dinner out under the oak trees, with a pot of coffee sitting on the fire and a big pot of peas and okra sitting on the table and every body just looked, looked, and looked to see the Editor coming a round the corner to help us enjoy this occasion. The best of all Jesus was there with us every body was in love.

Mrs. Sallie Pringle
Reporter,
Fin Sec'y No. 95 H. B. A.

Dear Editor:-

Please give space in the Echo to let the readers know of the death of our beloved sister Oneader Hill, of Detroit Mich. Mrs. Hill was born in Clarke County, March the 1st, 1895. She was the daughter of Mr. Redmon and Mrs. Elizier McLendon of Carmichael Miss. Mrs. Eliza McLendon was called to the bedside of her daughter som time in the month of June. And after a few weeks stay in Detroit, Mich. her daughter Mrs. Hill decided she would come back south to her native home for a while. Mrs. Oneader Hill joined Mt. Olive M. E. Church duing Rev. McDavis time pastoring there. She has lived a christian life. She departed this life Aug. 6th, 1926 at 7:30 o'clock God took her home to rest. Mr. Hill was with her the most of the time of her illness, but had been away a few days. He returned and arrived one half hour after her death. She died in full faith in God She told her mother, that an Angel came and told her that every thing was well. She leaves a farther mother two sisters one brother four niecies and a host of relatives and friends to morn her lost. Sleep on my dear sister untill God shall call us from this world, sleep on until God shall call us to sleep that ever lasting sleep. Her funeral was attended by Rev. J. W. James the pastor of Mt. Olive M. E. Church, and Rev. G. W. Aronld pastor at Mathiasville, Miss. There was a host of friends from meridian, Miss.

Mrs. S. Pringle, Reporter

Pachuta, Miss. Aug. 4, 1926

Dear Editor:-

Just allow me a space to say I was at Stonewall when the board met there last and I like the board so well that it made me anxious to join the H. B. A. which I did, and I returned home and began to talk to my people about the H. B. A. and they liked it, and we got togeather 23 of us, and we wrote to Rev. D. H. Watson and he came down and set us up a Lodge, and we also asked to please give us the December board, and we really want it, and we are able to take good care of it and we will do it

Please Dear Editor don't forget this I will remind you of it again.

Yours truly

I. V. Jordan.

President of H. B. A. Lodge No 251 Route 1 Bx. 16 Pachula, Miss.

Bond, Miss. Aug. 3, 1926

Rev. R. L. Young Editor and Manager of our little news paper Meridian Miss. We are doing fine in our Lodge and are striving to do better. We sent our beloved president Bro. J. M. Hall to the Convention at Meridian, and on his return to us couraging report: The H. B. A.'s have had to come out o ut. He makes us beleive dady Young and Son, Rev. E. F. and Rev. R. L. are the only dady and brother we can have that will take care of us, and as we have meet the Boards, ourselves we beleive his report to be true. We are indeed glad to here of such a lovely session and all in love: We pray that our belove farther Rev. E. F. Young and our belove Bro. Rev. R. L. Young will live long and the God of Peace will ever guide you, and give you good heath so you will be able to take care of the flock, the Lord has given you and to here of our, propety H. B. A. Building, up town amonug the big folks and our president Bro. J. M Hall reports to us you have such a lovely crew of young men, in charge of the printing department. Our regular meeting was Aug. the 2nd, we had a lovely meeting: got one joiner and more on the way coming.

We are yours for success

Bro. J. M. Hall, Pres

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NOTICE

In the September Board all local lodges will be requested to pay $2.00 for the publication of your report through the Echo and your subscription for the Echo. You will remember this amount is paid annually, in the first Boards after the Convention.

Please bear in mind that this amount must accompany your September report, excuses will not count. Without the $2.00 you cannot report.

Miss Estalla Guy left last week for Los Angeles where she will spend some time with the Misses Shaw taking in the many beauties of that lovely city.

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with it when it was nothing, I was with it when no body wanted it, I was the first local president to say lets go, I was Number one and I am still Number one. Some have started and stoped, some have died; I do not mean a natural death but they have died an H. B. A. death, they are still living but so far as the H. B. A. is concerned they are dead but Martin still lives. I am one of the beginners, I started it and helped to bring it up to where you wanted it and you got on board and want to throw me oveer board, I laid the egg upon which you now sit had it not been for me and a few others the egg upon which you sit would not have been, then why do you want to see me go, you are just comming in let me stay with you a little while and then kick me out. I seek no office the office must seek me. I don't ask any man to vote for me. If my work does not demand your vote cast it for another. I was with the H. B. A. 38 years ago. It was never any thing until she died and came to life 17 years ago. On the 27, of this month 17 years ago E. F. Young held his first board with New Hope No. 4 and he collected $9.25 on claims; 17 years later, this last board he collected $6,372.63, what think ye of that? In our board 17 years ago we had 15 members, in the last board we had (4,414,) four thousand four hundred and fourteen, that's fine. In that board 17 years ago we had 4 local lodges, in the last we had 250 local lodges, well that is good. Seventeen years ago we did not own any thing what ever, not even a book, we had some tables, we did not have money to buy a pencil, we had to borrow one and it had no rubber, the Secretary had to spit on his fingers and do his eracing. But wake up and look around you today. We have more than $6,000.00 in cash and we have a building at a cost of $7,500.00 and the best of all we have true and honest men as leaders. One year hence we shall elect General Officers for the Association, in whose hands the life and destiny of the Association will rest. I pray that the right kind of material will be chozen, not for me, not for the Youngs but the right men May God Direct.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS.

I have the names of two members that some president has renewed and he failed to give me the number of his lodge therefore I do not know whose members they are. The names are as follows: Jim Stinnis $1.40 from the June Board and Harriet Hudnall $1.40 from the June Board. If any one knows to which lodge these persons belong please notify me at once.

NOTICE

We want to advise that all local presidents of the H. B. A. see to it that members wishing to transfer to your local lodge bring regular transfer cards. We have had some members to transfer owing death claims, and it just happened that we detected the matter. Please do not accept members as transferers unless they have official transfer cards. When you receive the card please forward same to our office.

LOCAL

Mr. J. H. Jackson and wife who are now residing at Mt. Olive, Miss. made a flying trip to their home Memphis, Tenn. a few days ago. Mr. Jackson is president of No. 116, and his lodge is steadily growing. Mr. Jackson is a cotton classer at Mt. Olive. He and his wife motored to Memphis, and on their return stopped over at Meridian with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Beale. Mrs. Jackson is a sweet singer and those who have heard her enjoy her singing. They state that they highly enjoyed their short stay in our city.

Rev. R. L. Young has been successful in employing Rev. I. H. Jones, D. D. of New Orleans, La. to carry on his revival for him. Dr. Jones is one of the leading ministers of the C. M. E. Church. The revival begins the fourth Sunday in August. Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Leach plan attending the revival at Mt. Pleasant.

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Big Time at Quitman

On the 5th Sunday in August I wsa at Quitman, Miss., with President Thos. Blakney, lodge No. 82. As Editor and General Secretary, it is very often my privilage to visit quite a few local lodges and preach Annual Sermons, but I have been to no place that surpassed No. 82. President Blakney, and his Vice-president, A. A. Aterberry, together with his loyal members know how to put big programs over.

The meeting was held at Shilo Baptist Church. We had a splendid crowd and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves. There was a plenty to eat, everybody was filled and we had some left. Some of the members from No. 213 were present, also President W. A. Pickett and some of his members. The Atterberries, Roberts, Blakneys together with many others are very much in demand.

The welcome address by Mrs. Belmer Reed and the response by Mr. F. Roberts, were good. The president arose and after some timely remarks, presented the writer as the speaker of the hour. Our hearts rejoiced while the message was being delivered.

After the sermon, a collection was taken for the local lodge,we then took a collection for the church,afterwhich we began taking in applications. There was a friendly rivalry on between the president and the vice-president. Mr. Atterberry and Mr. Blakney had gone into an agreement; the one getting the largest number of applications would be local president. President Blakney working to retain his position and Vice-president Atterberry was working to move up. When the applications were turned in, it was found that Blakney was still president. Thos. Blakney is hard to beat. Mr. Atterberry reported eleven applications and Blakney reported (20) twenty. A total of thirty-one applications added Sunday and a total of $64.50 raised for all purposes. Thos. Blakney and his people are hard to beat. If you want a good time, go to No. 82 at Quitman, Miss. It will be remembered that the next convention goes to Quitman.

NOTICE OF H. B. A. BOARD

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows:

No. 4, meets at Cohay, Miss., Monday September 27th.

No. 3, meets at Laurel or five miles from Laurel, near Hawk, with H. J. Green, local president, September (Tuesday) the 28th.

No. 2 meets at Kemper Springs Baptist Church north of Lauderdale, Wednesday September 29th.

No. 1, meets at the H. B. A. Building Thursday September 39th, Meridian, Miss.

We want to ask the presidents to write and let us know just how to get to their lodges; give name of church.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

Presidents of Boards Nos.One and Two will please collect $1.10 death claims and 15c dues. Total $1.25 per member.

Presidents of Boards Nos. Three and Four, will collect $1.05 death claims and 15c dues. Total per member, $1.20.

We will divide the districts in the next boards, since we have no meeting place for No. 5, as you know this district has been created since the last Boards. Nos. 3, 4, and 5 will meet in two Boards instead of three.

All Presidents will govern yourselves according to the dates on your report blanks. The blanks have been mailed to the presidents.

The revival at Mt. Pleasant, was a glowing success. Dr. I. H. Jone,s was present and delivered some of the best sermons we have ever listen to. We had 20 additions and raised over $350.00.

The W. M. S. Convention of the Meridian Dist. of the C. M. E. Church was held at Little Zion C.M.E. Church last week. Miss Essie McVair, is district president. Rev. E. W. Blackman, is putting forth efforts to put the district over the top. Dr. Blackmon, is a successful presiding elder. His men are now lined up for a big convocation at Bassfield, Miss.

NOTICE!

The General President and Secretary are now in Jackson, Tenn., for ten days school at Lain College.

CRANDALLL DOTTS

Mr. Editor:—On the morning of the 25th inst.Sister No. 123, Annie L. Slay, Jas. Slay, Mrs. and Prof. S. L. Donald, Mrs. Jennie McRae, Mrs. Mary Phillip, Bro. Dampo Welch, Mrs. Etheer McClendon, Mr. Jas. R. McRae and Miss Emma Moss, hiked over to Charmichael No. 95, to participate in their annual worship, where the Blue Ribbon and his co-workers had things lined up in fine shape.

On boarding the car, the booster snquired of the president. Were all financial? yes, all in good standing We are ready to travel, and off they went and oh what a time we had. Mrs. C. L. and Sallie Pringle didn't fail to make all feel at home and they all know how to do things right.

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LAUREL NOTS

Mr. Sylvester Hill, of Canton, Miss., was the guest of Miss Ethel Moman last Tuesday. Left Saturday on a motor tour for Bay St. Louis and other Gulf cities. Mr. Hill is a successful planter and business man in the Delta and is a promising young man. We are glad to have him in our city at any time.

Mr. and Mrs Milton Daniels, of Indianapolis, Ind., are spending their vacation in Laurel, with relatives and friends

Mrs. Rosa Moss, is visiting her friends and relatives at Columbus, Miss., and other points.

Miss Bertha Taylor, has returned from Mobile, after spending a few days with relatives and friends. While there attending a brilliant and lovely dance on a floating Cabaret, the beautiful Bay Queen, where she chanced to meet a bunch of the old college set. Miss Taylor reports a delightful trip.

Miss Maud Keily has returned to Hattiesburg, after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Sims, 111 Elm Street.

Miss Virgie Adams, has returned to Lumberton, after spending a few days with her sister, Miss Aletha Duckworth, 204 Chesnut Street.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Powe, the newly wed, have returned after spending a few days in Montgomery and other points with their relatives and friends.

SICK LIST

Messrs Ed Ford, Bill Carroll and Billy Huff.

August 24, 1926

Mrs. B. Booker and daughter wth Mrs. Clara Mason of Jackson, Miss., made a short visit Monday to the home of Mrs. Ora Fielder, who is a cousin of Mrs. Booker and sister to Mrs. Mason

Mrs. Mason is here for a few days but Mrs. Booker and daughter returned the same day to their home in Jackson.

Miss B. O. Reid, has recently returned from Tuskegee, where she completed a course in Primary Work and with honors, received her diploma.

Mrs. Rayford and Miss Pearson, motored to Why Not, Miss., and will be the guests of their Aunt Mrs. Pearson.

The farms around Jones and adjoining Counties look very promising, as has been stated by county agents

The farmers can not secure enough pickers to gather their cotton. When the present outlook, all farmers will do well this fall.

COMMUNITY CLUB NOTES

The Annual Sermon of the Community Center Club No. 2, was deliveered in a very satisfactory manner, by the Rev. Elijah Jones, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, on Thursday night August 19, 1926. Rev. Jones used for a subject, "Cast thy bread upon the waters". He selected his text from the Book of the Eccleiastes, 11th chapter and 1st verse.

His sermon had a sensational effect upon the entire audience to the extent that every heart rejoiced and many new members were added to the club. The collection was lead by Profs. Hair and Brown to the amount of $6.15.

President, Mrs. Lula Richardson, made a few brief remarks, showing to the public the wonderful service rendered to the sick, the poor and the needy during the past ending July 31st.

She presented to Prof. S. T. Gavins, a check for $23.10 on the colored school Building Fund. Our next meeting will be held. at the beautiful home of Mrs Arrealia Rayford , on East 16th Street, Friday Sept. 3rd at 3 p. m. at which time we hope to have a wonderful address made to us by some prominent character —possibly one of our leading Physicians of the city.

Come, you are welcome, for we shall have a nice repast when the business is finished.

Heidelburg, Miss.

Mrs. Celia Watts, age 60, fell dead on the road, here at noon Sunday. She fell as she stepped from the car in which she was riding and was dead before she could receive medical attention.

It was stated that extreme heat was the cause of her death.

Miss Moman, is making special tours to the different communities of Jones County in interest of the fair. She urges all communities to be represented

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Mr. John H. Smith, leading negro general merchant in the state, wishes to thank the many friends through The Voice Of The People, for their patronage and durable efforts put forth to make the contest a success.

He is well pleased with the spirit shown by the leading ministers who at all times boost negro business from the pulpit. The contest will be called off as soon as the pastors of the various churches can get together as mentioned in previous issues of the Voice.

Uncle Bim had conference with the Ball Head Rambler who said he's coming out again in full force. Be careful how you ride with your cousins, Uncle Bim has his eyes on you. He is hard to fool.

Mr. B. F. Otis, finished his vocation at home here, and left for Chicago, Sunady afternoon at four o'clock. He says taht he likes Laurel and will tell the others about the Pasadonia of the South when he returns to the Windy City. Of course, the main thing that interests Mr. Otis about Laurel, is that every now and then we have beautiful female visitors here from Brookhaven. He goes back to resume his work as post office clerk in the Chicago Office.

Jackson, Tenn.

The Lane College Pastor's School Welcomes Bshop Williams, Sept. 2-10. A large numbr is expected to hear the Senior Bishop. The Institution congratulatees Dr. J. A. Bray for securing this great man.

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The sermon was grand, Rev. J. P. Simpkins, is a war horse on the battle field against sin. He preached to the delight of all. Subject: "A time to all things" and it was just fine.

The local program was excellent. One of the juveniles, Miss Harper, was the mouth piece for the occasion and bade all welcome .

Mrs. Jennie McRae, of No. 123, read a paper. Mr. Miller, Mrs. Slay and S. L. Donald of No. 123, responded with choice remarks . Many other H. B. A's from 123 and other lodges were present. Mrs. Pringle is working hard to set up a juvenile jodge at Crandle and we see success ahead for her.

We can say for the H. B. A's,love makes peace and peace makes unity, for with it, Sister 123 has taken 16, and numbers 53. So if you wish to know how to think, you may know who to see.

BOOSTER.

Meridian, Miss Aug. 30, 1926

Dear Editor:—Allow me space to say, I just found that it is a great thing to have an agent to visit your lodge once and awhile. On the 19th of August we asked the agent D. H. Watson, to be with us, in which he came and he certainly made it plain for us all, the members were glad to have him with us on that night. Three new members were added and five old ones, it seemed to make business good with us. We were glad to have Mrs. Mattie Trussel, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Rebecca Williams and the Agent with us that night. We want them to come again. Lodge No. 70.

TOM SMITH.

A BOOSTER ,

Meridian, Miss., Aug. 30, 1926

Dear Editor—

Allow me space to say, there were a good many people from Meridian Stonewall, Pachuta and Enterprise, met at Wautuba on the 5th Sunday in August at Bethlehem Church. The house was then called to order by the Agent, D. H. Watson,. Song and prayer was offered by Bro. Henry Taylor. A few minutes later, Mrs. D. H. Watson arrived on the stage, with her brilliant children and those children had set the entire ordiance in full blast. Just then, Rev. E. F. Young arrived in the church. Mr. J.F. Catchins, with his wonderful choir, was present to help put the program over. After the entire ordiance had realized themselves, they could not help but say that Mrs. Watson must be the right woman and in the right place. Rev. D. H. Watson, spared no time in finding out what the trouble was and he soon found out that the president's sister was dead, and was out on the church ground waiting for burial.

The welcome address was delivered by a young lady from Sunlight Church. Mrs. Badie and Mr. T. C. Tiggs, were called to respond, and he set the house in order. Mr. E. J. Catchins and Mr. E. L. McGlothen and Mr. George Anderson and Mrs. Mattie Trussel and Mr. Ed Keeton. were the ones that helped put the program over. Then a paper was read by Mrs. I. V. Jordan and Mr. T. C. Dunlap responded to the paper, and there were many people visiting from different lodges out of the city of Meridian. Mr. Frank Berry was very careful in trying to see to it that every body got over there safe Rev. Thomas called the house to order by singing. Afterwhich, a splendid sermon. Mr.W. M. Glersmonn, assisted in taking the collection. Mr. John Jordan saw to it that everything was carried out nicely, and Rev. Clark, made a very nice talk. Rev E.F. Youngwas very quiet until his time came and when his time came, he put the entire ordiance to thinking. Mt. Jordan is asking for an annual sermon on the 2nd Sunday in October. The Methodist Church burned down, is now asking for a rally on the 5th Sunday in October. It was also some men from Barnett, Miss., inquiring about the H. B. A. and Rev. Young spared no time in in telling them about the good old order. Mr. Henry Davis, Mr. Rufus Clark, of No. 33, helped to make things go pleasant. Mr. Jim Clayton and his wife and Jim Blackshead and his wife, helped to get things over.

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Pastors' Summer School Inspiring

The Pasto's School at Lane College Jackson, Tenn., was quite a success. The school was conducted by the M. E. Church South and the C. M. E. Church, for the benefit of C. M. E. Preachers. There were only three preachers from the South Mississippi Conference:namely: Revs. H. B. Leach, E. F. and R. L. Young. The meeting was the best we have attended. Last year we were at Paine College, Auausta, Ga., we had two schools this year, one at Jackson, Tenn., and one at Augusta, Ga. It is quite an inspiration to sit at the feet of both white and colored men, who are able and well prepared to give to our ministers the needed information. I think it is as much needful for us as ministers as it is for public school teachers to spend five and six weeks in summer normals making ieady for their year's work.

The souls of men must be cared for as well as the mind. No man can teach without hard study and special preparation. We had a good representation and yet it was not what it should have been, when we think of the large number of preachers in our church.

IMPORTANT TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS

We want to urge all H.B.A. Presidents to send their reports directly to me If you fail to attend the Board, you should mail reports ot me by P. O. money order, or a cashier's check. When you give your reports to other people you are risking yourself and your lodge in some ones hands. Some reports were made in the June Board by other people and I just received them last week. That means those presidents and members have been out for about three months.

If you will do as I ask of you, you are safe. When you mail your report you hold a receipt from Uncle Sam and that is the only way to be safe if you fail to meet the Board. You presidents may think I am trying to frighten you, but if you knew what I know you would send your reports directly to me. I know that some of the people to whom you give your reports are honest and they will turn them in. but it is not true with all.

H. B. A. DRIVE

The H. B. A. Drive is still on. All presidents who send in $1.45 for policies will receive checks for 20c which will be paid at the Board s Some of the the presidents have received as high as twelve checks. How would you like to get some of this easy money? The contest closes Sept. 30th.

REV. YOUNG VISITS MEMPHIS

While in Jackson, Tenn., Rev. R. L. Young, was invited to Memphis, Tenn., by Dr. E. W. Mosely, of that city. Rev. Young was invited to preach at one of our leading churches Dr. Mosely and his people are erecting a $35,000.00 brick church. Dr. Mosely has a membership of about 600. The collection on the First Sunday neted more than $100.00. The two sermons were highly enjoyed. Dr. Mosely will not be at Memphis next year since he is going to begin traveling in the interest of our connectional hospital at Memphis. The people said after the sermons, since Dr. Mosely would not be back, they wanted Rev. Young for their next pastor. We started to ask if they meant what they said

Look and Listen

H. B. A. Presidents will not forget to bring $2.00 for the Echo and publication in the Sept., Baords This must be paid before you make your reports.

All presidents of theH. B. A. are requested to fill cut application blanks for the renewal of members. The convention past a law that no one can renew who is more than 60 years of age, it will be necessary to fill out these blanks in detail. There will be plenty of blanks at the Boards. Presidents are strictly requested to put the names of all members on your report blanks, as to whether they pay or not. There was a slight mistake on the blanks. I think I stated that the Boards would meet in the 8th, month, but you may know that I meant the 9th month. All presidents who are not going to meet the Boards are requested to send in their reports not later than Sept., 23rd. I shall leave Meridian on that date and we want your reports in hand. We want to publish the names of all presidents who make round reports. Will you be in the number?

Dear Editor:—

I have been impressed very much with the H. B. A. and its work. May God bless you all as leaders to continue this good work. We are doing our bit to make this order a success

Rev. W. J. BETHEA, President.
Gulfport, Miss.

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1-Candis Jones, No. 70, died May 21st Tom Smith, President, Complete, Miss.

2-Corena Foster, No 69, died May 21st, I. English, President, Meridian, Miss.

3-Kattie Mitchel, No. 31, died June 21st, S. B. Bell, President, Lauderdale Miss.

4-Bethenia Pettigrew, No. 40, dieed July 11, Mrs. Hattie Smith, President, Lauderdale, Miss.

5-C. Townsend, No. 98, died July 17th M. Page, President, Porterville, Miss.

6-Miller Brookshire, No. 121, died August 18th, Mrs. W. M. Buck, President, Meridian, Miss.

7-Fred Cooley, No. 33, died August 19th, R. F. Clark, President, Meridian, Miss. ?

DISTRICT 3, 4, AND 5.

1-Bruse Graves, No. 57, died May 29th, W. C. McLeod, President, Bassfield, Miss.

2-Jennie Morgan, No. 102, died June 22nd, L. J. Hall, President, Hattiesburg, Miss.

3-M. J. Jones, No. 165, died June 22nd H. J. Green, President Laurel, Miss.

4-P. Buchanan, No. 133, died May

5-Willie A. Carler, No. 102, died July 7th.

6-Henry Brooks, No. 120, died June 24th, H. P. Hazzard, President, Lumberton, Miss.

7-George Jurry, No. 127, died May 28th, Mrs. Carry Curry, President, Shubuta, Miss.

8-Ella Statten, No. 130, died June 26th H. Hayes, President, Shubuta, Miss.

9-Octavia Donald, No. 234, died Aug. 6th, W. H. Donald, President, Crandall, Miss.

10-Ella Harper, No. 179, died July 1926, C. C. Toliver, President, D'Lo, Miss.

11-Reuban Young, No. 231, died July 10th, Prof. Clark, President, Palmer Crossing, Miss.

12-Martha Quincy, No. 146, died July 30th, Geo. Quincy, President, Bay Springs, Miss

13-Ellis Nobles, No. 127, died June 3rd Mrs. Carrie Jurry, President, Shubuta, Miss.

14-Melia Faulkner, No. 177, died Aug. 11th, J. D. Pace, President, Shubuta, Miss.

The Pastor's School at Lane College was graced with six of our Bishops during the occasion as follows: Bishops Lane, Cottrell, Williams, Hamlett, Martin and Brown.

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Editorial

Opportunity is a blessing to those of us who will readily grasp it and make the best of it. It may be said that it is a blessing to all, as to whether they use it or not. I am only concerned with those who use it. If a man will not use his opportunity, what does it profit him? The opportunity of the H. B. A. is greater than ever before. I want to urge each member, each local president and all concerned to do your best to use every opportunity that comes to you. It is a foregone conclusion, our society has no equal in the State Then we have an opportunity to be the leaders of all. The flag is now high and we want to keep it high.

A few days ago we were offered just about as much for our vacent lot as we paid for the whole thing. I was viewing our property a few days ago and I noticed a great vacent space in the back. It can easly be fixed up and converted into a nice swimmingpool. It could be done at a small cost and our people could have place of enjoyment. The Negroes of Meridian and its surrounding have no decent place to which they can ponit with pride as a place of amusement, recreration and enjoyment. What an opportunity. Would it not be a fine thing for the H. B. A. to install a nice swimming pool and have a day for men and boys and a day for women and girls? Also hire a good man to watch after those who might need help, that is in case of emergency Friends there is nothing like using opportunity. As I sit writing this Editorial, let me draw on my imagination. I see the H. B. A. with 15000 members in Mississippi. I see a three story brick building erected by the side of the one we now have. On the bottom is a nice Drug Store with a big sign on the outside which reads as follows: H. B. A. Drug Co. on the second floor we have twelve doctors and business men with their offices up stairs.

On the third floor is a big auditorium wth a seating capacity of 700. The boards and public gatherings of other

descriptions meet here.

Somewhare I see a nice hospital with a half dozen young girls in training. I see a head nurse looking ater the welfare of the hospital. Look! Look!! I see a big man drive up in a fine car with a satchel in his hand. Some one asks who is that? Oh that is our doctor, he is the head surgeon, he is over the rest of the doctors, you see here. On my way to Meridian, I met a man with his wife. Both were wearing little emblems of the H. B. A. I heard the woman say if it had not been for the H. B. A. I could not have lived. Oh the doctors the nurses were so nice and kind. A stranger asked, what is that H. B. A? The reply was, it is a God-sent conccern, with plenty of christianity and $75,000.00 worth of property, 15,000.00 members and $10,000.00 in cash. That is a big thing but it has not much cash. Well, it is not our desire to have large sums of money in the banks, but we are the "Poor Man's Friend" and that means that we live to help each other. O! thou who sleepeth, arise and grasp your opportunity.

Correspondence

Dear Editor:—

Just a few lines to let the readers know that mother Hearns is now off on her summer vacation. She has been gone more than two weeks. She is chaplain of H. B. A. No. 203. Mother is visiting her oldest daughter in Gary, Ind. Mrs. Hearn is the mother of C. W. Hearn of No. 203. We pray and hope for her the best of health and success on her trip.

May I say that our picnic that was given on the 10th of July was a splendid success. We cleared about $15.00. She picnic was given for H. B. A. No. 203. We had a real nice time. We are planing to have our annual sermon soon and we want to invite all to come out 14 miles from Quitman, to No. 203. We will notify you later as to the date

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From Jresident W. M. Peay.

Shubuta, Miss:—

Dear Editor:—Allow me space in the Echo to let the readers know that St. Paul H. B. A. No. 249 is moving on nicely. We had our annual sermon August 29th. We had a splendid time. Our father in Christ, Rev. N Carter, was with us. Rev. Carter prayed an earnest prayer and we were made to feel glad. He is not a member of the H. B. A. but he believes in it. Rev F. L. Carter, our vice-president and son of father Carter, preached our sermon. He preached a splendid sermon. He made everything plain and showed us the great good the H. A. A. is doing

Enterprise, Miss.:—

Aug. 29, 1926

Starlight Lodge No. 247, met in anniversary rally on the above date. Rev. D. H. Watson, Master of Ceremonies. 1. Song.

2. Recitation by Virginia Jones.
3. Declamation by Henry Hall.
4. Song led by Fanny Hall.
5. Recitation by Clara Dunigan.
6. Song.
7. Recitation by Henry Hall.
8. Song led by Fanny Hall
9. Recitation by H. Evans

Our lodge is a little over two months old, but we are moving on. We had 22 members and got a new application during our annual sermon and we have several on the way. Some of the St. Paul choir girls led in singing. They were: Misses Annie Johnson, Della Evans and Lessie McCarty.

Yours for a better H. B. A.
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LOOK LOOK!

Lets get in the H. B. A. before the Boards meet. They have on onother Drive. Good morning Sir. This is Brother Be, Glad to meet you, this Brother True. Well, Well, Be True We have met each other. They tell me the H. B. A. will pay off when you die. If you do not believe it, just Die.

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All loyal H. B. A's will be proud to know No. 123 has passed the fifty-fifth mile post. Our efficient president, Mrs. A. L. Slay, took it numbering 16 and each meeting new members continued to come .

Mrs. Mary Roberts-Slay and children returned home (Mobile, Ala.) She reports an excelent time month's visit with her father and mother. Many friends were delighted to witness her stay

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On the 1st Sunday in August the meetingt at Shady Grove Baptis Church began with an elopement of Mr. Roland Young and Miss Mary Hopkins, took the pastor and deacons and hiked it to the school house, two miles off and married.

Mr. Ed Parish and Miss Annie W. Mitchel, were quitety married at the home of the bride on the 4th Sunday i n August

Mr. Ben Moss and wife, have moved to Piviry, Miss.

Morning Star meeting began the 5th Sunday and Rec. Killir, the pastor, preached the sermon of his life Quite a number were out to hear him

Satan with his plans to overthrow the sacred cause was present too. Leader! Leaders!! stand up for the right.

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AGAIN THE B. B. A. BOARDS ARE HISTORY

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Those of us who attended the Sept. Boards are saying and believing that these were the best Boards in the history of the Association. Well, says one, that is the cry after the Boards all the time" It is true that we say each quarter is better and better. It's a fact that we must go forward or backward. There is no neutral ground. Our figures will show that we are growing. Our assessments were not as large this quarter and yet we raised more money than we have raised in the history of the association.

On Monday Sept., 27th, the Board was at a new place; Cohay, Miss., with President L. M. Martin of 189. Too much praise cannot be given President Martin and his good people Martin is a man among men. We do not judge him by what he says but we judge him by what he does. The welcome address was delivered by Miss Emma Turner, responded to by Rev. Williams. Allow me to make mention of the fact that Rev. Williams attracted the attention of all present. He is a small boy in short trousers but he acts like a man preacher. An oration was delivered by Mrs. Lonnie Carmichael. Mrs. Carmichael is a real orator. A number of white friends were present. One of the white undertakers from D'Lo, Miss., was present and he had us to understand that he would gladly give the association a discount for the simple fact he could no doubt turn the money over a number of times and every time he turned it over it made him something, where as if he had to wait three or four months there was nothing in it for him to hold the discount.

Mrs. L. J. Hall of Hattiesburg, Miss wife of Mr. E. W. Hall, arose and spoke in behalf of the Hall and Collins undertaking establishment at Hattiesburg. Mrs. Hall made a great impression upon the Board. She had us to know that they could send orders to any place and sell as cheap as any one else. Not only that but states that they will give real service. I have a letter on my desk from Webster and Mott, stating that they will gladly give the association a discount. P.A. Christian at Laurel, our white undertaker at Heidelburg, Waynesboro, Bay Springs, all give discounts.

Two of the colored undertakers in Meridian are allowing a discount, namely: Beal and Strayhorn and Bourdeaux Bros. Our friend Mr. Frank Berry states that he cannot allow a discount. May I state that no undertaker is compelled to give a discount, but the association has a loyal set of local presidents and where as the General President has been responsible for this matter and he saw that it could be put in the the hands of the association and there by help our local presidents he offered this to the association, It is up to the local presidents to buy from whoever you please, together with the representative and we shall not tell you or dictate as to whom you trade with. If a man is not for you he is trulyagainst you. Of all the Negro Undertakers in the state only one refuses, and he has been allowing the discount ever since the association has been doing business with him. Well I don't know, but I think this is a challenge to the association to establish a department of its own and if that is done all nof us can get out with less than half cost. **We can run our own department** as a non profit making concern. Al we will want is enough to pay a man a yearly salary to do what ever we want done. I say we can do it. We do not want to do this because these men and undertaking establishments are in the business for a living for we are willing to help them, we are willing to stay out of the business provided we are considered. The association can do whatever she wills to do because she is able. Again we would rather see each locality take care of its people. In other words, if a man lives in one city and does all of his trading in another and is drawing substance from that city in which he lives he has a right to spend some money there.

In other words, Christian at Laurel has a right to Laurel business. Hall and Webster have a right to Hattiesburg business.

We are not making any serious complaint against the undertakers, for we are 99% together, and I believe we would be 100% if it were not for misunderstanding. I trust that the words I have spoken will cause no one to feel mistreated for all that has been said is in the defence of the association

As we were saying we were royally treated at Cohay and we hope to soon retun

On Tuesday Sept. 28th, we were with Prof. H. J. Green at Laurel No. 165. Prof. Green and his people tried themselves. I have a desire to describe their doings but words are not at my command. Green is little and short in stature, but he is big in doing things. He and his good people had a splendid program to render, but being pressed for time, we had to omit the program. Rev. Roberts, the local pastor, made an everlasting impression upon the meeting. As at Cohay we desire that the next Board meet at Laurel.

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On Wednesday, we were at Kemper Springs, No. 42, W. A. Steward local president. It was the first time that we had ever been to Kemper Springs but we don,t want any one to feel that the place is short, it is just as big as its name. The Claytons, Browns, Stewarts etc. made things pleasant. We must confess to one fact, Kemper Springs has nothing but good cooks. I do not mean to say that they were not good the other two days, but we all know that some body must lead. Well, we will give it to Kemper Springs.

On Thursday, we met in the H. B. A Building and here is where we had another big time. We had a number of visitors. Rev. H. B. Leach was present and made one of the best speeches to our people that we had listened too. He emphasized the fact that we H. B.A's spend too much for funerals. He stated that he wanted his wife, should she be the longest liver, to pay $50.00 for his casket. To this the Secretary said "Amen" I am proud to know that our people are waking up to the fact that big funerals are foolishness for our poor people.

Those of us who do know of Rev. Leach, are aware of the fact that he is easily worth twelve or fifteen thousand dollars and probably more but he opposes these expensive funerals

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All of the presidents, except a few who had been provided for, took dinner at Beal's Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Beal, the waiters and waitresses were all kept busy. The Hotel was crowded and some of us had to wait until others had finished . Many of the business people complimented the association for the splendid showing that we made. As I stood up and looked at our presidents as they sat at the table eating and talking over business propositions, I said great is the H. B. A.

All of the Boards will meet together in the H. B. A. Building for December Board. At that time we want to burn the last note and mortgage on our property. Let every presidnt begin now collecting 55c from each members as the last payment on the H. B. A. Building. We have a few presidents who have members who have not made their final payment for 1925 and 1926. Will you see to it that that amount is in the office in the next 30 days?

The following amounts were raised at the last Boards:

Public collection	$11.36
Subscription for the Echo	30.00
Back death claims for 1-2	16.00
Building fund	69.00
Back death claims for 3-4	80.50
Bond money	$141.25
Quarterly dues	$702.20
Death claims for 1-2	$1703.90
Death claims for 3-4	$3,221.90
Grand total raised	$6,476.11

Paid to fourteen claimants in 3-4 $237.27

Paid to seven claimants in 1-2, $243.41.

Three Rahs for the H. B. A. Rah! Rah! Rah!! H! B! A! Ha, Ha.

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The following are reports by lodges: If any one should fail to see his report please let us know. If you failed to pay your Echo and Publication your report will not show up. Some of these reports were made after the Boards were over:

No.	Dues	Deaths	Back
1	4.28	36.30	
2	7.35	55.00	
3	4.50	34.10	
4	5.85	44.00	
5	1.35	11.00	
8	.75	6.60	
9	3.90	29.70	
11	6.00	45.10	
18	2.10	16.50	
19	3.00	23.10	
20	5.85	44.00	
21	6.90	51.70	
22	4.20	31.90	
23	15.00	106.05	

25 Not in good standing, J. M. Russell President.

27	3.90	29.70	
28	7.50	56.10	
30	8.25	61.60	
31	5.70	42.90	
32	4.20	31.90	
33	5.85	44.00	4.60
39	7.20	53.90	
40	5.10	38.50	
42	3.90	29.70	
44	1.65	13.20	
47	1.50	12.10	
49	1.35	10.50	
50	3.30	25.30	
52	5.40	38.85	
53	1.80	14.30	
54	1.05	8.80	
55	2.70	19.95	
56	3.15	24.20	5.00
57	17.70	124.95	
58	3.30	24.15	
60	1.50	12.10	
61	2.10	16.50	
62	2.70	19.95	
63	2.40	17.85	
64	9.15	68.20	
65	.45	4.10	
66	1.50	13.05	
67	2.25	17.60	
69	6.45	48.40	
70	6.30	47.30	
71	6.30	45.15	
72	7.80	58.80	
75	2.25	16.80	
76	4.20	30.90	
77	2.70	18.90	
79	3.30	25.30	
80	7.05	50.40	
82	15.15	107.10	
85	3.90	29.70	
92	6.30	45.15	
93	7.35	55.00	
94	2.10	15.75	1.40
95	7.80	54.60	
96	6.00	45.10	
98	2.70	20.90	
99	6.75	47.70	
100	1.50	12.10	
102	10.80	76.65	
103	2.55	18.90	
105	3.75	27.30	
106	1.80	13.65	
108	7.65	54.60	1.40
109	.75	6.30	
110	3.45	26.40	
111	1.20	9.90	
112	2.55	19.80	
113	1.65	13.20	
114	.90	7.70	
115	3.45	24.15	
116	3.75	27.30	
118	5.10	36.75	
119	10.35	73.50	2.80
120	5.55	39.90	
121	2.25	17.60	
122	2.85	22.00	
123	6.15	44.10	
125	2.40	18.70	
127	15.30	108.15	
130	8.25	61.80	4.20
131	1.20	9.45	
132	6.60	47.25	1.40
133	18.30	129.15	7.00
134	1.05	8.80	
136	1.75	15.40	
138	.45	3.30	
139	3.45	26.40	
140	1.50	10.50	
141	3.30	24.15	
145	8.55	60.90	
146	3.30	24.15	
147	.60	5.60	
148	1.80	13.65	
151	4.50	32.55	
152	4.75	31.50	
153	5.25	43.05	
156	1.35	8.40	
157	1.80	14.30	
158	3.30	24.15	
159	2.25	16.80	
160	9.00	64.05	
161	.60	5.65	
163	2.40	18.00	
165	9.00	39.90	
166	2.40	17.85	
167	3.30	24.15	
168	1.35	10.50	
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179	3.90	28.35	
180	1.65	12.60	1.40
181	7.05	50.40	
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228	1.80	13.65	
229	1.80	13.65	
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238	1.50	11.55	
239	3.15	23.10	
240	2.55	18.90	
241	.30	3.15	
242	1.95	14.70	
245	2.70	19.95	
246	1.05	8.40	
247	2.55	18.90	
248	3.15	23.10	
249	2.55	18.90	
250	1.20	9.90	
251	2.10	15.75	
252	1.65	12.60	
253	4.20	30.80	
256	1.85	21.00	

If any corrections are to be made mber we will gladly do so. Please remember if you fail to see your report it may be that you failed to send your $2.00 representation fee.

P.S. We made a slight mistake in the amount of back money for District 1-2, but we shall publish the amount in the next issue. The Secretary will be out of the city from the 2nd to the 11th.

NOTICE!

To all local presidents: Any president who renews old members and fails to collect whatever amount they owed when they fell out, shall be fined $1.50 in each case. We have quite a few members who are trying to get back, but they must pay what they owed. I want to urge each local president to see to it that the laws of this order are complied with. We must congratulate those of you who have done and are doing your best for the order. Lets see to it that that old wolf is kept out. I want each president to begin now collecting your 55c in order that every member will be ready when the Secretary sends out his report

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E. F. YOUNG, Gen. President.

NOTICE!

Big H. B. A. Badge sale now on. All presidents sending for more than 4 badges may have them for 75cc. All presidents sending for more than 10 badges may have them for 70c each. Any thing over 18, 65c each. This sale will last sixty days only, until December 1st.

All presidents sending in $1.45 for bond and policies will receive a check for 20c. This lasts 60 days, until December 1st.

Lets go presidents. Who will take the lead? W. C. McLoad has been the leader of the Association for a long time, but "Big John Rankins" has taken his crown. Well old men cannot always be champion of the world. Look out "Big John" somebody is after you. Mrs. Carry Jurry at Shubuta leads 3 with 104 members closely followed by Prof. Thomas Blakney with 103. Go to it boys. I like to see you do that. J. G. Gulley leads one and two with 62 members followed closely by D. H. Watson with 55 and Watson is followed closely by M. V. B. Pitts. Go on boys, go on. Lets drive for 250 members by December 1st.

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R. L. Y.

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THE JUVENILE SECRETARY SPEAKS.

The General Offcers, Agents and Local Presidents of the H. B. A. are co-operating and bending their forces together to make the H. B. A. the best, and biggest thing that Negroes have in Mississippi and I feel safe in saying that we have the best order in the State. Not only that, but we have a set of leaders whom we can confidently say that they are the best that applies to the general and local as well. Be it known to the world that we feel proud of our Order and its leaders, but my dear friends, have we not been overlooking something, and a very important something at that? That important something is the Juvenile Department of this great Order. The H. B. A. proper is grown, and well able to care for herself. Why not reach back and catch your chid by the hand?? If we can boost the H. B. A., why not boost the Juvenile Department sometimes. Each person belonging to the H. B. A. that has children from two to twelve years of age ought to have them in the Juvenile Department. Dear Guides, ask your local presidents to help you and try to make your Chapter grow. Listen, the H. B. A's are planning to pull off a big stunt in the next Board, if they can pull off a whole stunt, let us pull off a half stunt. We are asking that you do your best to help report one hundred new members in the next Boards. We can do it and must do it if we want the "outsiders" to see what we are doing. If each Guide will do as Sister Edna Pringle, we will over run one hundred members. She has reported nine new members added to her chapter since the last Board. Sister Pringle, is not the only Guide that can do these things, but she is in the lead now. Come on Sister Guides, let's catch Sister Pringle.

The Juvenile Board will meet Nov. 30th, at the H. B. A. Building.

D. B. BORDERS, Secretary
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MR. L. H. DELPHIA NOW WITH HALL AND COLLINS

It may be of interest to the many readers of The Echo, and especially to the members of the H. B. A. to know that Mr. L. H. Delphia, successfully passed the Embalmers Board, Jackson, Mss. , on August 30th Mr. Delphia is now connected with the Hall and Collins, Undertakers, at Hattiesburg, Miss. We also understand that Mr. Delphia is a member of H. B.A. Lodge No. 183, Lumberton, Miss It is always a delightful pleasure to know that our leading men are readily joining and co-operating in this great H. B. A. Move.

NOTICE

In our last report we reported $16.00 back death claims for Districts one and two, but we had $22.50 instead of $16.00. All back moneys have been sent out except a small amount that we have on hand from members who fell out from the division in 1924. Brother J. M. Russel of Lodge No. 25 and his members have not paid all of their back claims, therefore, we cannot collect any more moneys death claims, quarterly dues and building funds until they have paid their balance. We are not responsible for any of the members including the local president in case of death. Be fair boys and pay your honest and just debts. Some of the local presidents failed to get their reports in on time. For that cause your report did not come out in the Echo. If you want your reports published in the regular line, your reports must come in on time. There is no reason why our local presidents should hold these reports until after the Board, when you have more than a month to make your report. If you can't meet the Board, surely you ought to be able to spare enough time to send your report in on time. Bro. M. V. B. Pitts, has called my attention to an error in his report. We gladly correct same to the amount of his receipts which he has in hand. It was only a typographical error.

NOTICE TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Dear Presidents:

I have mailed to each of you the H. B. A. Building Report Blanks. Each of you are asked to make your report not later than the 15th of this month. We are in earnest about the reports being sent in on time. There will be no excuse for any president or member being late. Please have your members understand that if their names are on the report blanks and not marked paid, the local neither general body will be responsible for any sickness or death. You will remember the Convention passed this law that all members pay 55c each in November. This being our last payment on our property. Please rememder the Boards will all meet together in Meridian the latter part of December. We have something in mind that will do all local lodges and

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local presidents good but we shall wait until after all building reports are in and we shall notify you through the Echo on the 15th, of the good that we have in store for you. Please put names of all your members on your Building Blanks.

R. L. Y.

EDITORIAL

The leading discussion nowaday among most people and especially so with farmers is the low price of cotton. Great meetings are being held by the Bankers and leading men of the South. It seems to be the attitude of some of our leaders that the proper thing to do is to reduce the acreage and uee more fertilizer. Does that not mean that we wll continue making big crops of cotton.

One of our troubles is we plant too much cotton and not enough foodstuff We have the wrong conception of the word Farmer. My defination for a farmer may be seen in the following statement: A farmer is a man who sees to it that his farm produces all the foodstuffs for the existence of his family and live stock. I mean by this that the man who is truly a famrer first of all, plants his corn, peas, potatoes , sugar cane, peanuts, beans, vegetables, and raises plenty of meat together with other products. The man who plants all cotton and expects to make enough money off cotton to buy his foodstuffs is not a farmer, but he is rather a planter. We sometimes speak of the big farmers in the delta section, but we do not have farmers in the delta, we have planters in the delta; men who plant all cotton, men who depend upon cotton to support them are planters and not farmers.

The meetings that are being held now by our leading merchants and bankers, as well as other business men will prove profitable, provided the people who till the soil are advised to make their living at home. The man of the rural district who has plenty of chickens, eggs, meat, milk, and butter, and other foodstuffs is not worried about the price of cotton. The man who has the greatest worry is the man who is wonderng what he is going to have to pay for meat, lard, meal etc., this winter. Some of our people make from fifteen to thirty-five bales of cotton and more, and when they are through picking, they haven't money enough to feed themselves and family sixty days. The white man makes money off the cotton because he is able and prepared to do so, but few Negroes can clear money making cotton. It would far better pay our people to raise something to live on rather than making so much cotton. The majority of our people get nothing but a living and a few clothes to wear after working hard from the latter part of February until December, then, why not do less work, live longer, and have a plenty to eat by raising your own food stuff? The best remedy that can be given to people who profess to be farmers is this;RAISE WHATEVER IT TAKES TO RUN YOUR HOME OR PLANTATION, and then whatever the price of cotton may be it will be clear cash to you. Stop buying so much fertilizer when you can make it yourself. Put those cows in the lot each night, then see to it that the lot is covered with leaves and straw After the leaves and straw are cut up by the treading of the stock and cattle, after the first rain comes rake it all up and put it in a pen, then cover that lot again. Put leaves and straw in the horse stables and rake that every five or six weeks. If you will keep doing this you will find that when spring comes you will have more than a hundred loads of fertilizer. I am not saying this because some one has told me this is the way to do. I am talking from experience. We have too many planters and not enough farmers. We have too many men who depend upon somebody else to feed them, why not feed yourself.

The man who makes corn works it two or three times and it is made. The same is true with potatoes, cane, etc.; the man who raises plenty of peas and sell them for $3.00 or $4.00 a bushel in the spring goes out and sows them in the corn field and God makes the peas and the man doesn't have them to work; the man who raises cotton begins clearing away the rubbish in February, breaking the ground in February and March, planting the latter part of March and April, chopping cotton in May, hoeing in June, laying by in July, picking in August, September, October and November, gets through hauling seed etc., in December, rests January and goes back to work on cotton in February and what has he? He is worn out, his back aches from hard picking, and still he has nothing when he is through.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

NO. 116 AT MT. OLIVE MAKES BIG SWEEP

H. B. A. No. 116 at Mt. Olive, Miss., with Mr. J. H. Jackson as local president made a clean sweep a few weeks ago. President Jackson and his good loyal members put on a drive for new members. They invited the General Secretary down to deliver an address on Friday night. We were there on time and had a large number of visitors to meet us at the Baptist Church. When we were through speaking we opened the doors for the

reception of H. B. A. members and when we were through, we had enrolled 24 new members. We had deacons, preachers and teachers to unite with us. So great was the drive that we were invited back for the follow.ng Friday night and to our surprise we went back and added 8 more, makng a total of 32. Hurrah for president Jackson and his loyal members . I saw him a few days ago and he said that he had a meeting and had 60 members present. Mrs. Jackson, the singing Nightengale was present and rendered a beautiful selection. Mrs. Jackson is always ready to help her husband as well as render service to others. May some of the other presidents catch the growing spirit, those who are not growing, now is the time.

Dear Editor:

Please give me space in The Echo to let the readers know of the death of our beloved H. B .A. Sister Elizabeth Nicholson, the wife of Bro. Jno. Nicholson. She died September 12, 1926. She was born and reared near Carmichael, Miss.,was first married to a Mr. Jones and moved near Melvin, Ala. When Mr. Jones died she was married to Mr. Nicholson after some years they returned to her old home. She was a member of the M. E. Church and was faithful until death. She was one of the leading characters in the organization of Lodge No. 153. Her funeral was attended by Rev. S. McDavis, the former pastor and Rev. J. McRae. She leaves a husband, three daughters, seven sons, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

W. A. PICKETT, President
Desota, Miss.

MARRIAGE

One of the most popu ar occurences took place at Shilo Baptist Church the Second Sunday evening in September, when the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reed, Miss Mable Reed and Mr. Andrew Roberts were married. The ceremony was performed at the A. M. E. Church. The bride and groom are both young people of the community, their parents being useful and prominent members of the M. E. Church. We wish them a happy journey thrugh life.

THOS. BLAKNEY, Reporter
Quitman, Miss.

Deas Editor:

Allow me space to say that for the past three or four months everywhere I go I can see H. B. A. Buttons and badges, and I began to wonder about us out here why we couldn't be some body as well as other people. I began making inquiry about the H. B A. The people told me to just drop D. H. Watson a card so I did, and he came on the second day of October and put up a lodge for us with seventeen members. S. M. Wright, President, S. M. Croff, Vice President, Miss Ceola Nelson, Secretary. We are few in number, but give us a chance and we will go to the top.

Yours for a greater H. B. A.
S. M. WRIGHT, President
R. 1, Box 46
Enterprise, Miss.

Dear Secretary:

On the 18th of September we all got together and decided we wanted an H. B. A. Lodge in our community. We had been advised to send for Rev D. H. Watson. He came to our call. On his first trip he took in twenty, a few days later he returned and took in six more and installed the officers. We are proud of the H. B A..

ROBERT COOLEY, President
W. L. WADE, Vice-President
H. B. A. No. 257
Barnett, Miss.

Rev. I. C. Harper reports another lodge organized.

Mr. R. L. Young,
Dear Sir and Brother:

Th s is to say that I met the Board with you all on the 28th of September It was the first time that I was graced with such a privilage. I enjoyed the treat. I am very young in this work, but I can say I do not know of any other society that is doing as much good for its members as the H. B. A. I desire to meet every Board, and every Convention as long as I am president of my local society. I was sorry that I had to leave before the closing session, but because of making connection I had to leave. I think it will be of much benefit.

REV. W. J. BETHEA, President
Lodge No. 240
Gulfport, Miss.

Dear Editor:

This is to let the many readers of The Echo hear from Lodge No. 49 for the first time in life. Our membership is very small in number,but we invited the General President, Rev. E. F. Young, Mr. W. C. McLeod, J. M. Thompson and their members of Bassfield to be withus. We rendered a short but splendid program. Mrs. Ida Echols was mistress of ceremony. Mr. J. M. Thompson, of No. 23, made a short but splendid talk, his sayings will not soon be forgotton. I as local president, tried to open the people's eyes as to what the H. B. A. had done for me. Mr. W. C. McLeod, made an interesting talk after which, Rev. E. B. Blackman came forth and addressed the people on the good of the H. B. A. His message was greatly enjoyed. The General President came forward and in his address he touched practically every phase of the H. B. A. work Our lodge is revived. May the Lord bless the H. B. A. Collection $24.38. Tell all the people that Blue Spring Lodge is on the way.

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Longstreeet, Miss.
To the General President and Order of the H. B. A.:

These few lines come to let you know that we are all alive, but not well. My wife, Mrs. Addie Lee Pringle, fell a few weeks ago and broke her left leg. She has been under the treatment of the doctor for some considerable time. We are strong members of the H. B. A. up here in the delta. If you and any of my old friends feel disposed to help us a little bit, it will be highly appreciated.

Yours for continued growth of the association.

I. M. PRINGLE.

Dear Editor:
I wish to say through The Echo, that Rev. D. H. Watson, General Agent, visited our lodge on the sixteenth of October. We had a grand time. Rev Watson was after the "backsliders" and was cuccessful in getting eight of them back in the lodge. He added two new members. Come again Bro. Watson

MRS. ELLA MORRELL, Pres.
Lodge No .76
Laurel, Mss.

CRANDEL NOTES H. B. A. NO.123

The H. B. A. famly wll be glad to know that when No. 123, meets, it means more H. B. A's. The Second Sunday in October a large number of members from 123 attended the association at Gilbert Town, Ala. The president and members seem to have been the center of attraction, so look out next monthly meeting, it's not one nor two, it's the whole crew at work.

We are pained to know of the death of Mrs. Fannie McLendon, who was buried September 28th, and on the same date Mrs. Bettie E. Donald and children attended the funeral of her father Joe Smith, at Enterprise, Miss He lived to a ripe old age of seventy odd years, and then he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus.

The educational forces are at work out here. Prof. Faulkner, Prof. and Mrs. M. O. Campbell all report doing nicely in their school.

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Mrs. Annie Slay seesto it that the law is strictly carried out when it comes to her ruling in the lodge that accounts for its growth. Agent C. L. Pringle is seen around Crandall very often of late. Look out! That means more H. B. A's. for he's on his job. The people say Mr. J. B. McRae is visiting a certain house with his Sedan riding Mr. Joe Donald free for something. Carrying Joe may be an excuse.

BOOSTER.

Dear Editor of The Echo:

This comes to let you know that Bro .I. S. Overstreet's funeral was attended tended at Green Grove Baptist Church by Rev S. S. Jones. His text was "If a man die shall he live again". Rev. Jones preached a splendid sermon. A unmber of people were there from East Jerusalem, Enterprise, Meehan, Hickory and other places. Rev. D. H. Watson from Meridian was present.

S. M. WRIGHT
R. 1, Box 46
Enterprise, Miss.

The following deaths have come in since the last Board, some of them being questionable:

District 1-2: Lettie Brown, No. 44, died Sept. 1, 1926., William Brown President, Daleville, Miss.

Callie Williams, No. 40, died Sept. 3, 11926; Mrs. Hattie Smith, Pres. Toomsuba, Miss. Tom Brown, No. 32, died Sept. 19, 1926, Burl Brown, President, Meridian, Miss. Jane Lee, No. 27, died Sept. 5, 1926, Henry Williams, President, Meridian, Miss.

District 3-4-5: Arthur Lee Hugh, No 193, died Sept. 7, 1926, R. C. Chapman President, Waynesboro, Miss. Elizabeth Nicholson, No. 153, died Sept. 12, 1926, W. A. Pickett, President, Desota, Miss. Mollie Jackson, No. 74, died August 21, 1926, R.D. Dunlap President, Stonewall, Miss. Sil Lot, No. 173, died October 18, 1926, Mrs. Wm. McGee, President, Quitman, Miss. Henderson Clark, No. 109, died October 10, 1926, Chas. Franklin, President, Laurel, Miss.

I have heard of other deaths but I have not been officially notified. All Presidents are requested to fill out Death Report Blanks and send them in together with a statement from the Undertaker.

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SIMON THE CYRENIAN SPEAKS

By Countee Cullen

He Never Spoke a word to me,
And yet He called my name;
He never gave a sign to me,
And yet I knew and came.

At first I said, "I will not bear
His cross upon my back;
He only seeks to place it there
Because my skin is black".

But He was dying for a dream,
And He was very meek,
And in His eyes here shone a gleam
Men journey far to seek.

It was Himself my pity bought;
I did for Christ alone
What all of Rome could not have wrought
With bruise of lash or stone.

Theadville Gleanings

The Progressive Public will be glad to know of the Progressive movement enacted throughout Christiandom, therefore we note the marriage of Mr. J. B. McKae and Miss Ellen Ether Dunn, on the 1st Sunday in November. Two ideal young people of to-day both members of the Sunday School and Church from youth up. When the Sunday School or Church has a program to put over you can always depend on them for unvided support.

Mr. McKae is the son of Deacon John McKae of Morning Star Church, Miss Dunn is of high culture a daughter of Mr and Mrs. Musterful Dunn. Rev. T. J. Jenkins officiated.

Both families are of the progressive type, leading farmers, highly esteemed in Social life.

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A. L. SMITH,
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DISTRICTS 3, 4, 5.

field, Miss.

Ellen Pool, No. 181, died Nov. 8, J, T. Jones, President, Silvercreek, Miss.

Marthann Herrin, No. 23, died Nov. 14, J. M. Thompson, President, Bassfield, Miss.

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The Convocation at Bassfield, Miss. directed by Rev. E. B. Blackman. P. E of the Meridian District was well attended. and was a splendid success. The majority of his pastors were present. We do not know the exact amount that was raised, but we have been informed that the amount was around $250.00 or $300.00. Bishop Elias Cottrell, Presiding Bishop of Mississippi was present. A splendid lecture was given by him on Saturday On Sunday he preached as he used to preach in his young days. Bishop Cottrell and Mississippi plan to do big things for the next four years. We regret very much to know that Mrs. Cottrell is still in the hosipta'. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

NOTICE TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Just a few more days and the badge sale will be out. Order now!

We have just had a very interesting letter from Mr. P. A. Christian at Laurel ,Miss. stating that he was going to do all in his power to make the H. B. A. grow in Laurel. Mr. Christian is one of the leading Undertakers of the State and is always ready to do whatever he can for the growth and success of the order.

Fairfield, Alabama.
Nov. 10, 1926.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say that of all the News Papers that I read I get more pleasure in reading the Echo than any ohter paper. The Echo is the spokesman for the good old H. B. A. ship that has brought peace out of confusion and helped so many poor people who were not able to help themselves. I am proud to say that I am still a member of this grand old order, yes I am a passenger on board. My family and I are living n another State but we have not lost sight on the H. B. A.

It is with delightful pleasure that I read of my old friends B. Brown, Mose Knott, Borders, Pitts, Mrs. Hattie Smith and lots of others that I could mention. I remember how they all stood with me in our efforts to support the order during the time of storm. Our old leader is still at the head. He has been shot at by the enemies but thank God he is that same old E. F. Young.

I hope to meet you at the Mortgage Burning in December.

Yours as Ever,
Abe L. Smith
Ex President of Martin Lodge No 27

The subject of this sketch is Mr. Abe Smith whose photo is on front page.

It is with delightful pleasure that we present to the many readers of the Echo our old friend and brother Abe L. Smith of Fairfield, Alabama.

Mr. Smith was once a citizen of Meridian, Miss. but he is now in Alabama and he together with his daughter and son-in-law are doing a good business. We were glad to run a short sketch of their business through the columns of our paper. Mr. Smith was at one time a local president in the H. B. A. ;he always made good reports for his lodge. He will always be remembered by his old friends and we hope to see him in December when the fire begins to burn.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to let the many readers of the Echo hear from lodge 249 again.

We had a grand time th e5th Sunday in October. Rev. McDavis, an H. B. A. minister, preached a stirring sermon for us. President Carry Jurry of 127 and some of her good members were with us. President J. Polk and some of his members were with us also. We were glad to have members from Shady Grove to be present. President Polk delivered a splendid talk on the good of the H. B. A. to our Race. We added nine new members; seventeen members have been added since the Board.

Mrs. E. Heidleberg,President
Lodge no. 249, Shubuta, Miss.

Dear Editor: This comes to let the Association know that H. B. A. 145 is still moving on. We lost one of our members, Brother E. D. Jones, a few days ago. We called Mr. Will Bourdeau the Undertaker at Merdian and he came down and took care of the body. He rendered splendid service.

The funera was attended on Sunday at the First Baptist Church by Rev. W. L. Mills of the M. E. Church. Rev. D. H. Watson was with us and in a short talk he made it known that he would be back at some time and all who wanted to join the H. B. A. could do so. On the 12th of this month he returned and added 29 members to our lodge. We now have a membership of 89. If you want your lodge to grow just wrte for Rev. D. H. Watson. Every body seems to love Rev. Watson.

Rev. Watson, you are welcome. Come again.

H. R. Evans, 145 Enterprise, Miss.

Ellisville, Miss.

Dear Editor: Allow me space to say that on October 17th Rev. D. H. Watson visited our lodge and added 21 members. Six of the members were old members and the rest were new ones. We want Rev. Watson to come again.

Mrs. S. A. Jones, Lodge 58.
Mathesville, Miss.

Dear Editor: This is to let the readers know that we had our turn

out a few weeks ago. The agent gave a splendid talk. The welcome address by Mrs. Delphia Campbell was grand. We had a response by C. W. Falconer, Solo by Sister Callie Williams. The Rev. J. M. Moore was introduced and preached from the 24th chapter of Matthew. Behold I have told you before the old hen cackled and the rooster crowed and died that the H. B. A's might live. We raised $30.00. May God bless you all for we are coming.

J. M. Moore, Presdent, Lodge 119.

NOTICE: Dear Presidents, While we are driving hard for more members let us not forget that 60 years is the limit. If you do not obey the law the Association cannot stand long. Let us also remember that in renewing members we must see to it that the members pay all claims that were due at the time they became unfinancial. If you or agents do otherwise, you violate.

Presidents will remember that we asked that the names of all members be put on the Building report blanks as to whether they pay or not. We are going to publish each lodge with it's Building report in the next issue of the Echo. We shall also give you the news that we said we were going to give through the next issue.

Dear Presidents: I am going to ask that each of you bring two subscribers for the Echo in the December Boards. Listen; as we plan to burn our mortgage in December I am sure that all of our members would like to read of this event. I would like to have more than two if you can get them but I am only asking for the number that you all can get. Those of you who are going to bring me two subscribers, I want you to send me a card stating that you will do your best to get two. Those who think they cannot , please write me and tell me that you canno get them and in the meantime I want you to send me the address of three or four of the responsible people in your community and I think I can possibly get them for you. Shall I expect to hear from you?

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The question is very often asked as to whether we pay certain doctors bills that pertain to the family or not. The answer is No. Again we do not pay Doctors bills for accidents. We may donate in such cases but we do not pay the bill as we would an ordinary case of sickness.

We have members who are always drawing on the treasure, and never allow any body else to get any thing when they get sick. Let's swap a little sometimes. You allow me something and I will allow you something. What do you think of that?

EDITORIAL

We have quite a few complaints at times from local members as to the conduct of the local preesidents. We are desirous of good reports from all local presidents. No matter how large or small, how rich or poor, all members should be recognized. Every member of a local lodge should be protected by the lodge to whch he belongs as long as he is an obedient member . When he violates he should be dealt with.

Not only should mmbers be protected but the local presdents should be protected. We very often receive letters from members as to the conduct of their preesidents. The first thing they want to do is get a new president. With some people, if the president spits in the wrong direction they think he should be removed. Well, says one, he spat on me and I just don't like it. Well, No one cares to be spit upon and if one should spit upon you get him to apologize and repent of his sins. It is not right to want a new president every time a little mistake is made. All of us will make a few mistakees. When ever a mistake is made, we do not need to kill the one who made the mistake but give him a chance for life. If he has been given a chance and then it is found that he will not do, move him from office. I get tired of members always wanting a new president. Take the one you have and see to it that he does right. We have some people who would get a new president

two or three times a year if it were left to them. We sometime forget that we are to help the president, We therefore do all we can against him and then complain about the sorry man that we have. It does seem that a lodge should be able to handle one man when it comes to doing the right thing. I know that there are men who persist in doing that which is wrong, but I believe the thing needed most is cooperation in these local bodies. Sometime we receive letters from our members concerning the presidents and we answer the letters; in the meantime we write the president and notify him about the complaints against him. We do not tell who wrote us but we state that there are complaints coming from some of your members and we want you to be careful. I don't think it is always the proper thing to do when we receive letters of complaints to expose the one who wrote the letter. There are times that it is neceessary to do such; It depends. We need a new president some times but eexperience has taught me that the older the president, the better the local lodge. A few examples are as follows: I. M. Martin has been president of my lodgeNo. 1 for 21 years. He ha s a good lodge.
J. F. Chaple No. 2, R. W. Ratliff No. 3, J. J. Johnson, No. 4, G. R. Roberts No. 5, D. B. Borders. No. 9, H. Edwards, No. 19, M. S. Knott, No. 20, F. Ott, No. 21, J. M. Thompson, No. 23, M. V. B. Pitts, No. 28, S. B. Bell, No. 31, B. Brown, No. 32, J. J. Overstreet, No. 39, Mrs. Hattie Smith, No. 40, J. A. Walker, No. 45, W. J. Burton, No. 47, L. R. Echols, No. 49, W. C. Mc Leod, No. 57, Mrs. S. A. Jones, No. 58, S. L. Otis, No. 63, C. H. Watts, No. 62, J. G. Gulley, No. 64, R. B. Scroogins, No. 66,I. English, No.69, Tom Smith, No. 70, D. H. Watson,No 72, R. D. Dunlap, No. 74, R. H. White No. 75, Mrs. Ella Morell, No. 76, Mrs Bettie Falconer, No. 77, J. H. Drakford, No. 80, Thos. Blakney, No.82, and a score of others that time will not permit us to name. The majority of the above named presidents have been in office ever since the lodge was organized.
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We have some more who are true to their trust; We have some more who have been at the head of their lodges from their beginning. These men who stand as monuments are not due all the credit but their members helped make them and their lodges. There comes a new fellow who wants to be prsident, Jim or John has been there long enough, he needs to be moved and let some one else try it a while. I want to ask, for what do you want to try another man? No, that fellow has some little petty whims of his own. The president did not let him speak on a certain question, the presidnt heard some one else and I am going to see to it that he is moved. Moved for what? The longer that good man and wife live together the better they get along and the better they understand and love each other.

Members need not write to the office asking us to see to it that certain presidents are moved. As long our prsidents do their work well and do not violate the laws of the Association, they have our support. There are matters that belong to the local bodies and there are matters that belong to the General body. The General body is not to get into all the little affairs of the local body. All local lodges have certain rights and the General body should not take from them their privileges. Some people think that a man should be moved because two or three persons are against him. If he gets the majority of the people to follow him I suppose the thing for the other fellow to do is fall in line.

Some of our members cannot move a man and they want t pull out and organize another lodge. We do not want any splits and will not have them. If we allow onee to split, in a short while there will be a split in the split and a little later the split in the split will have a split in split and there it goes. I know that there are times when it is necessary for the convenience of members who are distantly from their lodge, to recognize a lodge in their community. It is alriht when it is done in peace and harmony but we cannot allow such when ever dissatisfaction prevails. Have you ever thought of the condition the fellow is in who moves every year? He keeps poor moving all the time. It costs something to move, did you know it?

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The marriage took place at the home of the bride. Quite a reception of various courses in honor was served. A large crowd attended. Mr. and Mrs Dunn are pillows in Zion Chapel M. E. Church and great lovers of Education. Boys and Girls, don,t be discouraged, there are five or six more in both families and Deacon McKae says his are working him very hard too.

BOOSTER

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H. Clark, No. 109, died Oct. 10, C. Franklin, President, Laurel, Miss.
A. Dunkins, No. 55, died Sept. 27, A. Alford, President, Ellisville, Miss.

We have some more deaths on hand but I have not received the Death Report Blanks and for that reason I am not publishing them. In a few days I will send out my report for the December Boards and if your reports are not in hand the members will not be paid off until March.

PRESIDENTS, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REPORTS.

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Greetings

To The Many H. B. A.'s And Readers Of The Echo: Greetings., We hope for each of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May we remember those who are in suffering conditions. While things are going well with us let us not forget the poor and needy. We are on the threshold of the Year 1926 and yet some of us may not live to see the old year out. Let us thank God for His goodness and mercy toward us. In danger seen and unseen, He has cared for us, through sickness. He has been our physician, though unseen. Though lonely and sad, He has been our comforter. With unknown roads to travel, He has been our guide.

Some have answered the roll for 1926 who have lived better lives than we, and yet we are left upon the land of the living. The roll is still being called and some are answering each day. Those of us who live and love let us not forget the needy.

"You can never tell when you do an act,
Just what the result will be;
But with every deed you are sowing a seed,
Though it's harvest you may not see."

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H. B. A. BOARD MEETS DECEMBER 27.

All local presidents are requested to be in Meridian with your reports on Monday December 27, at nine o'clock A. M., We want to take in every report Monday and pay off Monday night. If any president is not going to be present we want your report sent to the Secretary not later than Dec. 23. We want this done in order that all reports that are sent to him may be recorded on his book when the Boaard meets.

We will have some very important business to attend to on Tuesday and we must get the reports out of the way Monday. Any president being absent when the roll is called will have to pay a fine as the law requires.It was our intention to hove borne one or two thirds of the R. R. expense of each local presidents and this would have greatly helped you and your members but so many of you would not send in your building reports as you were requested to do that we are not able to do so. We are confident that if you all had been as loyal as some of the presidents were we would have had enough money to have helped you out but as it is the good loyal presidents wll have to suffer with the slowful fellow.

Every one of you could at least had your reports in by now but some of you have not been heaerd from.

E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

P. S. All presidents will come prepared to take care of yourself while in the City.

NON REPORTED LODGES ON THE BUILDING

According to my records, the following lodges have not made any report on the Building for the last report: Nos. 8, 18, 30, 31, 42, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 57, 62, 63, 105, 110, 130, 131, 140, 147, 160, 165, 180, 185, 189, 197, 211, 212, 217, 226,. I think we have a few others who have not reported but we shall have to go over the records again to be sure. This report is going to press on the 13th and if your report comes in later you may know that the paper was on the press when your report reached us,therefore we will publish yours along with the rest that have not reported.

As the General president has said, we were exceedingly anxious to have reports in on or about the date reed. It was our desire to surprise all of you with at least half of your R. R. expense but the above numbers surprised us by not sending in their reports, therefore we have not as yet paid the notes out on the building. This shows how a concern can be held back by slowful leaders and members. I am sure the above presidents could have sent their own money if they could not collect from their members. Your members will invariably partake of your spirit. In the last issue of the Echo we had some of the above names in the Echo stating their loyalty to the Association and now they have betrayed their trust. Some of you have just been a bit too careless as to why you have not sent in your reports and others of you have to be pushed on order to get your reports.

Presidents of Districts one and two will please collect $1.20 from each of your members and presidents of three and four and fve wll please collect $1.00 from each member of your Lodge. The same is to be reported at the next Board which will be held in Meridian, Miss., on December 27th, 1926. The above amounts are Dues and Death Claims. I sent out the reports some time ago and if any president has not received his report balnk please write me at once.

SECRETARY.

ATTENTION

Dear presidents:-As you know the Board wll be held during the Xmas. and all of you should be careful as to how you handle yourselves and your money. It would be advisable to go to your banks and get a Cashier's Check and just mail it to my address and I can turn it over ot you when you get here. If you do not care to mail it to me it will be better to put your money in a Cashier's Check and bring it to the Board. If your money is in a Cachier's Check and you are held up or you loose it you will stand a chance of getting it back. A Cashier's Check will not cost you anything but you will have to pay for a money order. Please do not bring personal checks.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING PERSONAL CHECKS, WE ABSOLUTELY CAN NOT USE THEM FROM ANY BODY. WE HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE WITH THEM. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN PERSONAL CHECKS NOR YOUR FRIENDS PERSONAL CHECK FOR WE WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT HAVE IT. IF PERSONAL CHECKS ARE BROUGHT IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO CASH THEM BEFORE YOU CAN MAKE YOUR REPORTS. We have some personal checks on hand now that were sent in as cash for the building fund and they are no good.

FROM TOOMSUBA, MISS.,

Dear Editor:- Just a few words for the H. B. A. and the Juvenile Department. I can but say my lodge s get-

ting along fine. We have paid all of our Building money long ago and we are now getting ready to pay our death claims in the next Board. We are fastly moving to the front. It is with pleasure that I report as the president of H. B. A. No. 40 and Guide of Juvenile lodge No. 15. I have twelve members in my Juvenile lodge and am proud to say that we are getting along nicely. Death came and took one of our number sometime ago but we still press forward. I want to say to the Gudes of the Juvenile Department, we must get busy. Sisters, we can do a great work, we are expecting all guides to be at our next Board with good reports. We have some matters on hand that we need to look after. All the Guides are asked to bring five new members to the next Juvenile Board meeting. Let's make the Juvenile a grand body.

Mrs. Hattie Smith.

CRANDALL DOTTS

As usual No. 123 H. B. A's. are on the go, One hundred members is it's goal and by an altogether move by her members she will reach it.

So much good is being accomplished by the order (H. B. A.) until she should be established in each nook and corner in the State. Owing to the inclimit weather quite a few of the members were not present on last meeting but those that were present met at the president's home (Mrs. Annie Slay) and what did they find? The president down on her sick bed by the fire holding her lodge meeting. Her actions said: "I seek other's welfare and not mine own."

This is one who does'nt want the job but it was thrust upon her and if we had more presidents who did'nt want the office but the office wanted them it would mean more H. B. A's. and more good done.

Give the H. B. A's. a Publshing Department and function it properly so that Echo's can be furnished to all officers, Boards and Committees in each Lodge to be read and distributed from one member to the other for the better they know the better they will do.

The Lord's business is for us to look after the sick, widows, poor, and be spotless and then you are in the Chrstian's path., That's the H. B. A.'s job and we will make the world better and our lives will be worthwhile.

Easter Lodge No. 123 stands for nothing less. They tell me that H. B. A. orphan children need education in Mississippi. What about the H. B. A's?

BOOSTER (SECRETARY).

HIWANEE SPEAKS

Dear Editor: Hiwanee wishes to speak a word. We were glad to receive our Building Report Blank. I read it to my members as we were assembled in our lodge and they were so proud of it. We all paid 55c each and sent it up to the proper place as requested. My members said that they were glad the old hen had cackled the last time on the Building and I think I heard the old rooster crow the last time. But listen, there is some more behind, what is that? Well our mortgage will be burned at the ntxe Board. Well who said so? The General President said so? Who else said it? The Secretary said so.

E. M. Dunn, President of No. 178.

Braxton, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Young:-I am positive that I can bring you two new subscribers to the Board. You may count on them. We are doing all we can for the Echo and we believe that all the presidents will do their best to help you out in your appeal to us.

President A. G. Kinedy

Dear Sister Young:- You may look for me to do my best for your Echo drive in the next Board.

Mrs. Hattie Smith of No 40.

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Dear Presidents:- I wish to thank the large number of you who have written to me stating that you were doing your best on the Echo Drive. It is very encouraging to know that so many of you are manifesting such great interest in my appeal to you some time ago. If we had the space I would publsh the names of all who have written me.

Yours for a better Echo,
Mrs. R. L. Young.

Dear Editor:- This comes to say that Rev. D. H. Watson, the General Agent was at Ellisville last Month. He visited Nos. 55, 77, 202 and others that I need not mention. The weather was not good and yet we had a splendid meeting. All the lodges met together. Rev. Watson is a great help and will benefit any of us to have him with us.

Come again Rev. Watson.

President Bettie Faulkoner.

THE SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE HISTORY

The South Mississippi Annual Conference is now history. The Conference was presided over by Bishop E. Cottrell, We had a splendid Session. The Secretaries were as follows: Rev. S. E. Gibson, Annual Conference Secretary; Mr. C. I. Chapman Assistant. Rev. R. L. Young, Statistical Secretary and Mrs. Kelly, private secretary to the Bishop.

Rev. T. Sanders Jr., and his good people had a nice new brick church waiting our arrival. The attendance was exceptionally good. All thePresiding Elders remain on their same Districts. Quite a few changes were made among the pastors. Rev. R. L. Young was sent to Meridian, Rev. S. E. Gibson went to Mt. Pleasant and Collins. Rev. E. F. Young went to the Fannan Circuit at Braxton, Miss., Rev. M. Wade went to Pleasant Grove and Goodhope Ct., Rev M. W. Wilson went to South Meridian.

There were a few more changes of which we do not have at hand.

The writer was able to make a splendid report from Mt. Pleasant and Collins Ct., as well as other pastors from their works.

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NEWEL CHAPEL C. M. E's PLAN BUILDING

The members of Newel Chapel C. M. E. Church of Merdian, Miss., now have on a program to build a nice brick church. Their pastor, Rev. R. L. Young, has pledged his wholehearted support and the members have done the same. All members seem to be proud of their new pastor, he being a home young man. Rev. Young is among some of his best and well known friends in Meridian. The public is looking and listening.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

We want to urge each president to do his best to collect Dues and Death Claims from every member of your lodge and report same to the December Board. You will remember we send your Bond Interest out according to your December Board report. If your report is small, your interest is going to be small. If your report is large, you will receive a goodly sum of interest. Not only that but your money that you are to receive from the rent of the Building will come in proportion to the report that you make in the December Board. The back money that you send in will be alright but we will not figure the back into your interest and rent from the Building. The president who makes a full report will receive full interest etc., If any of you make just partial reports please don't complain when you get a small check.

BADGE SALE NOW OVER

All presidents desiring H. B. A. Badges will have to pay the regular prices. It all depends upon the number you order. Just one badge is $1.00. The larger the order the cheaper we will make them. Elsewhere in this issue we are giving the price list.

PRICE LIST OF H. B. A. BADGES

1 to 5	$1.00 each.
5 to 10	0.90 each.
10 to 20	0.80 each.
20 to 30	0.70 each.
30 to 100	0.65 each.

DISTRICTS 1-2.

1. Lettie Brown, No. 44, died Sept. 1, W. M. Brown, President, Daleville, Miss. 2. Callie Williams, No. 40, died Sept. 3, Mrs Hattie Smith, President Toomsuba, Miss. 3. Tom Brown, No. 32, died Sept. 19, B. Brown, President, Meridian, Miss. 4. Jane Lee, No. 27, died Sept. 5, H. Williams, 5. Catherine Spinks, No. 121, died Nov. 6, Mrs. W. M. Buck, President, Meridian, Miss 6. Amy Christian, No. 27, died Nov 11, H. Williams, President, Meridian, Miss. 7. Laura Twilly, No. 96, died Nov. 27, F. L. Key, President, Portersville, Miss.

DISTRICTS 3-4-5..

1. Ellen Pool, No. 181, died Nov. 8, J. T. Jones, President, Silvercreek, Miss. 2. Marthann Herrin, No. 23, died Nov. 14, J. M. Thompson, President, Bassfield, Miss. 3. Arthur L. Hough, No. 193, died Sept. 7, R. C. Chapman, President, Waynesboro Miss. 4. Elizabeth Nicholson, No. 153, died Sept. 12, W. A. Pickett, President, Desoto Miss. 5. Mollie Jackson, No. 74, died Aug. 1, R. D. Dunlap, President, Stonewall, Miss. 6. Sil Lott, No. 173, died Oct. 18, Mrs. W. M. McGee, President, Quitman, Miss. 7. H. Clark, No. 109, died Oct. 10, C. Franklin, President, Laurel, Miss. 8. A. Dunkins, No. 55, died Sept. 27, A. Alford, President, Ellisville, Miss. 9. Rose Burns, died Oct.. 19, S. M. Wright, President, Enterprise, Miss. 10. Ed Jones, No. 145, died Nov. 3, H. R. Evans, President, Enterprise, Miss. 11. Charley Jones, No. 205, died Sept. 23, Oliver Ford, President, Hattiesburg, Miss. 12. This name is misplaced just now Mrs. Azarline Anderson, President, No. 220, Brooklyn, Miss.